

# DETERMINANTS

1. If  $\Delta_k = \begin{vmatrix} k & 1 & 5 \\ k^2 & 2n+1 & 2n+1 \\ k^3 & 3n^2 & 3n+1 \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $\sum_{k=1}^n \Delta_k$  is equal to  
 a)  $2 \sum_{k=1}^n k$                       b)  $2 \sum_{k=1}^n k^2$                       c)  $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n k^2$                       d) 0
2. The solutions of the equation  $\begin{vmatrix} x & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 5 & x \\ -1 & 2 & x \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , are  
 a) 3, -1                      b) -3, 1                      c) 3, 1                      d) -3, -1
3. The value of  $\begin{vmatrix} 441 & 442 & 443 \\ 445 & 446 & 447 \\ 449 & 450 & 451 \end{vmatrix}$  is  
 a)  $441 \times 446 \times 4510$                       b) 0                      c) -1                      d) 1
4. If  $f(\alpha) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 \\ \alpha & \alpha^2 & 1 \\ \alpha^2 & 1 & \alpha \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $f(\sqrt[3]{3})$  is equal to  
 a) 1                      b) -4                      c) 4                      d) 2
5. If  $a, b, c$  are respectively the  $p$ th,  $q$ th,  $r$ th terms of an AP, then  $\begin{vmatrix} a & p & 1 \\ b & q & 1 \\ c & r & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to  
 a) 1                      b) -1                      c) 0                      d)  $pqr$
6. The minors of -4 and 9 and the cofactors of -4 and 9 in matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & 3 \\ -4 & -5 & -6 \\ -7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$  are respectively  
 a) 42, 3, -42, 3                      b) -42, -3, 42, -3                      c) 42, 3, -42, -3                      d) 42, 3, 42, 3
7. If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the cube roots of unity, then the value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} e^\alpha & e^{2\alpha} & (e^{3\alpha} - 1) \\ e^\beta & e^{2\beta} & (e^{3\beta} - 1) \\ e^\gamma & e^{2\gamma} & (e^{3\gamma} - 1) \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to  
 a) -2                      b) -1                      c) 0                      d) 1
8. A root of the equation  $\begin{vmatrix} 3-x & -6 & 3 \\ -6 & 3-x & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & -6-x \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , is  
 a) 6                      b) 3                      c) 0                      d) None of these
9. The value of  $\begin{vmatrix} \log_3 512 & \log_4 3 \\ \log_3 8 & \log_4 9 \end{vmatrix} \times \begin{vmatrix} \log_2 3 & \log_8 3 \\ \log_3 4 & \log_3 4 \end{vmatrix}$  is  
 a) 7                      b) 10                      c) 13                      d) 17
10. The value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} a^2 & a & 1 \\ \cos(nx) & \cos(n+1)x & \cos(n+2)x \\ \sin(nx) & \sin(n+1)x & \sin(n+2)x \end{vmatrix}$  is independent of  
 a)  $n$                       b)  $a$                       c)  $x$                       d) None of these
11. If  $x \neq 0$ ,  $\begin{vmatrix} x+1 & 2x+1 & 3x+1 \\ 2x & 4x+3 & 6x+3 \\ 4x+4 & 6x+4 & 8x+4 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then  $x+1$  is equal to

12. The value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to
- a)  $x$                                       b)  $0$                                       c)  $2x$                                       d)  $3x$
13. If  $x, y, z$  are different from zero and  $\Delta \begin{vmatrix} a & b-y & c-z \\ a-x & b & c-z \\ a-x & b-y & c \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then the value of the expression  $\frac{a}{x} + \frac{b}{y} + \frac{c}{z}$  is
- a)  $-4$                                       b)  $0$                                       c)  $1$                                       d)  $4$
14. If  $a \neq p, b \neq q, c \neq r$  and  $\begin{vmatrix} p & b & c \\ a & q & c \\ a & b & r \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then the value of  $\frac{p}{p-a} + \frac{q}{q-b} + \frac{r}{r-c}$  is
- a)  $0$                                       b)  $-1$                                       c)  $1$                                       d)  $2$
15. The value of  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a & a+b & a+2b \\ a+2b & a & a+b \\ a+b & a+2b & a \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to
- a)  $9a^2(a+b)$                                       b)  $9b^2(a+b)$                                       c)  $a^2(a+b)$                                       d)  $b^2(a+b)$
16. The value of  $\theta$  lying between  $\theta = 0$  and  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  and satisfying the equation  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 + \sin^2 \theta & \cos^2 \theta & 4 \sin 4\theta \\ \sin^2 \theta & 1 + \cos^2 \theta & 4 \sin 4\theta \\ \sin^2 \theta & \cos^2 \theta & 1 + 4 \sin 4\theta \end{vmatrix}$  is
- a)  $\frac{7\pi}{24}$                                       b)  $\frac{5\pi}{24}$                                       c)  $\frac{11\pi}{2}$                                       d)  $\frac{\pi}{24}$
17. If  $a_i^2 + b_i^2 + c_i^2 = 1 (i = 1, 2, 3)$  and  $a_i a_j + b_i b_j + c_i c_j = 0 (i \neq j \text{ and } i, j = 1, 2, 3)$ , then the value of  $\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$  is
- a)  $0$                                       b)  $\frac{1}{2}$                                       c)  $1$                                       d)  $2$
18. If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the cube roots of  $8$ , then  $\begin{vmatrix} \alpha & \beta & \gamma \\ \beta & \gamma & \alpha \\ \gamma & \alpha & \beta \end{vmatrix} =$
- a)  $0$                                       b)  $1$                                       c)  $8$                                       d)  $2$
19. If  $\begin{vmatrix} 1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1+b & 1+2b & 1 \\ 1+c & 1+c & 1+3c \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , where  $a \neq 0, b \neq 0, c \neq 0$ , then  $a^{-1} + b^{-1} + c^{-1}$  is
- a)  $4$                                       b)  $-3$                                       c)  $-2$                                       d)  $-1$
20. A root of the equation  $\begin{vmatrix} 0 & x-a & x-b \\ x+a & 0 & x-c \\ x+b & x+c & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , is
- a)  $a$                                       b)  $b$                                       c)  $0$                                       d)  $1$
21. If  $\begin{vmatrix} x & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & x \\ 3 & x & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & 4 \\ x & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & x \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 5 & x \\ 5 & x & 0 \\ x & 0 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then the value of  $x$  values ( $x \in R$ ):
- a)  $0$                                       b)  $5$                                       c)  $-5$                                       d) None of these
22.  $\begin{vmatrix} bc & bc' + b'c & b'c' \\ ca & ca' + c'a & c'a' \\ ab & ab' + a'b & a'b' \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to
- a)  $(ab - a'b')(bc - b'c')(ca - c'a')$   
b)  $(ab + a'b')(bc + b'c')(ca + c'a')$   
c)  $(ab' - a'b)(bc' - b'c)(ca' - c'a)$   
d)  $(ab' + a'b)(bc' + b'c)(ca' + c'a)$
23. If a square matrix  $A$  is such that  $AA^T = I = A^T A$  then  $|A|$  is equal to
- a)  $0$                                       b)  $\pm 1$                                       c)  $\pm 2$                                       d) None of these

24. If  $\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$ ,  $\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & bc & a \\ 1 & ca & b \\ 1 & ab & c \end{vmatrix}$ , then
- a)  $\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 = 0$                       b)  $\Delta_1 + 2\Delta_2 = 0$                       c)  $\Delta_1 = \Delta_2$                       d)  $\Delta_1 = 2\Delta_2$
25. If  $\begin{vmatrix} y+z & x & y \\ z+x & z & x \\ x+y & y & z \end{vmatrix} = k(x+y+z)(x-z)^2$ , then  $k$  is equal to
- a)  $2xyz$                       b) 1                      c)  $xyz$                       d)  $x^2y^2z^2$
26.  $A$  is a square matrix of order 4 and  $I$  is a unit matrix, then it is true that
- a)  $\det(2A) = 2\det(A)$                       b)  $\det(2A) = 16\det(A)$   
c)  $\det(-A) = -\det(A)$                       d)  $\det(A+I) = \det(A) + I$
27. If the matrix  $M_r$  is given by  $M_r = \begin{bmatrix} r & r-1 \\ r-1 & r \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $r = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , then the value of  $\det(M_1) + \det(M_2) + \dots + \det(M_{2008})$  is
- a) 2007                      b) 2008                      c)  $(2008)^2$                       d)  $(2007)^2$
28.  $l, m, n$  are the  $p$ th,  $q$ th and  $r$ th terms of an GP and all Positive, then  $\begin{vmatrix} \log l & p & 1 \\ \log m & q & 1 \\ \log n & r & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  equals
- a) 3                      b) 2                      c) 1                      d) zero
29. The matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 10 & 3 \\ -2 & -4 & 6 \\ -1 & -2 & b \end{bmatrix}$  is a singular matrix, if  $b$  is equal to
- a) -3                      b) 3                      c) 0                      d) For any value of  $b$
30. Consider the system of equations
- $$a_1x + b_1y + c_1z = 0$$
- $$a_2x + b_2y + c_2z = 0$$
- $$a_3x + b_3y + c_3z = 0$$
- If  $\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then the system has
- a) More than two solutions  
b) One trivial and one non-trivial solutions  
c) No solution  
d) Only trivial solution (0,0,0)
31. If  $\begin{vmatrix} x^n & x^{n+2} & x^{n+3} \\ y^n & y^{n+2} & y^{n+3} \\ z^n & z^{n+2} & z^{n+3} \end{vmatrix} = (y-z)(z-x)(x-y) \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z}\right)$ , then  $n$  is equal to
- a) 2                      b) -2                      c) -1                      d) 1
32. The determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & a\alpha + b \\ b & c & b\alpha + c \\ a\alpha + b & b\alpha + c & 0 \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to zero for all values of  $\alpha$ , if
- a)  $a, b, c$  are in AP                      b)  $a, b, c$  are in GP                      c)  $a, b, c$  are in HP                      d) None of these
33. The system of equations
- $$kx + y + z = 1$$
- $$x + ky + z = k$$
- $$x + y + kz = k^2$$
- have no solution, if  $k$  equals
- a) 0                      b) 1                      c) -1                      d) -2
34.  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a & a+b & a+b+c \\ 3a & 4a+3b & 5a+4b+3c \\ 6a & 9a+6b & 11a+9b+6c \end{vmatrix}$ , where  $a = i, b = \omega, c = \omega^2$ , then  $\Delta$  is equal to



35. a)  $i$                                       b)  $-\omega^2$                                       c)  $\omega$                                       d)  $-i$   
 If  $\begin{vmatrix} a+b & b+c & c+a \\ b+c & c+a & a+b \\ c+a & a+b & b+c \end{vmatrix} = k \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $k$  is equal to
36. a) 4                                      b) 3                                      c) 2                                      d) 1  
 $\begin{vmatrix} \alpha & -\beta & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha & \beta \\ \beta & 0 & \alpha \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then
- a)  $\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$  is one of the cube roots of unity                                      b)  $\alpha$  is one of the cube roots of unity  
 c)  $\beta$  is one of the cube roots of unity                                      d)  $\alpha\beta$  is one of the cube roots of unity
37.  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1/a & 1 & bc \\ 1/b & 1 & ca \\ 1/c & 1 & ab \end{vmatrix} =$
- a) 0                                      b)  $abc$                                       c)  $\frac{1}{abc}$                                       d) None of these
38. Using the factor theorem it is found that  $a + b$ ,  $b + c$  and  $c + a$  are three factors of the determinant  
 $\begin{vmatrix} -2a & a+b & a+c \\ b+a & -2b & b+c \\ c+a & c+b & -2c \end{vmatrix}$   
 The other factor in the value of the determinant is
- a) 4                                      b) 2                                      c)  $a + b + c$                                       d) None of these
39. The arbitrary constant on which the value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 \\ \cos(p-d)a & \cos pa & \cos(p-d)a \\ \sin(p-d)a & \sin pa & \sin(p-d)a \end{vmatrix}$  does not depend, is
- a)  $\alpha$                                       b)  $p$                                       c)  $d$                                       d)  $a$
40. If  $\omega$  is imaginary root of unity, then the value of  
 $\begin{vmatrix} a & b\omega^2 & a\omega \\ b\omega & c & b\omega^2 \\ c\omega^2 & a\omega & c \end{vmatrix}$  is
- a)  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3$                                       b)  $a^2b - b^2c$                                       c) 0                                      d)  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc$
41. If  $\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 7 & x & 2 \\ -5 & x+1 & 3 \\ 4 & x & 7 \end{vmatrix}$  and  $\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} x & 2 & 7 \\ x+1 & 3 & -5 \\ x & 7 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$ , then the value of  $x$  for which  $\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 = 0$ , is
- a) 2                                      b) 0                                      c) Any real number                                      d) None of these
42. If  $\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} x & b & b \\ a & x & b \\ a & a & x \end{vmatrix}$  and  $\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} x & b \\ a & x \end{vmatrix}$  are the given determinants, then
- a)  $\Delta_1 = 3(\Delta_2)^2$                                       b)  $\frac{d}{dx}(\Delta_1) = 3\Delta_2$                                       c)  $\frac{d}{dx}(\Delta_1) = 2\Delta_2$                                       d)  $\Delta_1 = 3\Delta_2^{3/2}$
43. If  $f(\theta) = \begin{vmatrix} \cos^2 \theta & \cos \theta \sin \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \sin \theta & \sin^2 \theta & \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta & 0 \end{vmatrix}$ . Then, for all  $\theta$
- a)  $f(\theta) = 0$                                       b)  $f(\theta) = 1$                                       c)  $f(\theta) = -1$                                       d) None of these
44. If  $C = 2 \cos \theta$ , then the value of the determinant  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} C & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & C & 1 \\ 6 & 1 & C \end{vmatrix}$  is
- a)  $\frac{\sin 4\theta}{\sin \theta}$                                       b)  $\frac{2 \sin^2 2\theta}{\sin \theta}$                                       c)  $4 \cos^2 \theta (2 \cos \theta - 1)$                                       d) None of these
45. If  $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} \sin x & \cos x & \tan x \\ x^3 & x^2 & x \\ 2x & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x^2}$ , is
- a) 3                                      b) -1                                      c) 0                                      d) 1
46. Let  $[x]$  represent the greatest integer less than or equal to  $x$ , then the value of the determinant

- $$\begin{vmatrix} [e] & [\pi] & [\pi^2 - 6] \\ [\pi] & [\pi^2 - 6] & [e] \\ [\pi^2 - 6] & [e] & [\pi] \end{vmatrix}$$
47. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 17 \\ 0 & -10 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $|AB|$  is equal to
48. If  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 3 & 9 & 13 \end{vmatrix}$  and  $\Delta' = \begin{vmatrix} 7 & 20 & 29 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 3 & 9 & 13 \end{vmatrix}$ , then
49.  $\begin{vmatrix} 2xy & x^2 & y^2 \\ x^2 & y^2 & 2xy \\ y^2 & 2xy & x^2 \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to
50. In a  $\Delta ABC$ ,  $a, b, c$  are sides and  $A, B, C$  are angles opposite to them, then the value of the determinant
51.  $\begin{vmatrix} a^2 & b \sin A & c \sin A \\ b \sin A & 1 & \cos A \\ c \sin A & \cos A & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ , is
52. If  $a^{-1} + b^{-1} + c^{-1} = 0$  such that  $\begin{vmatrix} 1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+c \end{vmatrix} = \lambda$  then value of  $\lambda$  is
53. If  $a, b, c$ , are in A.P., then the value of
54.  $\begin{vmatrix} a-b & b-c & c-a \\ x-y & y-z & z-x \\ p-q & p-r & r-p \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to
55.  $\begin{vmatrix} a-b+c & -a-b+c & 1 \\ a+b+2c & -a+b+2c & 2 \\ 3c & 3c & 3 \end{vmatrix}$  is
56. In the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & -3 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$ , the value of cofactor to its minor of the element  $-3$  is
57. If  $\omega$  is a cube root of unity, then for polynomial is
- $$\begin{vmatrix} x+1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ \omega & x+\omega^2 & 1 \\ \omega^2 & 1 & x+\omega \end{vmatrix}$$

58. If  $\begin{vmatrix} x+a & b & c \\ a & x+b & c \\ a & b & x+c \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then  $x$  equals  
 a)  $a+b+c$                       b)  $-(a+b+c)$                       c)  $0, a+b+c$                       d)  $0, -(a+b+c)$
59. If  $a, b, c$  are the sides of a  $\Delta ABC$  and  $A, B, C$  are respectively the angles opposite to them, then  
 $\begin{vmatrix} a^2 & b \sin A & c \sin A \\ b \sin A & 1 & \cos(B-C) \\ c \sin A & \cos(B-C) & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  equals  
 a)  $\sin A - \sin B \sin C$                       b)  $abc$                       c)  $1$                       d)  $0$
60. If  $D_r = \begin{vmatrix} 2^{r-1} & 3^{r-1} & 4^{r-1} \\ x & y & z \\ 2^n - 1 & (3^n - 1)/2 & (4^n - 1)/3 \end{vmatrix}$ , then the value of  $\sum_{r=1}^n D_r$  is equal to  
 a)  $1$                       b)  $-1$                       c)  $0$                       d) None of these
61. If  $A, B$  and  $C$  are the angles of a triangle and  
 $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 + \sin A & 1 + \sin B & \sin C \\ \sin A + \sin^2 A & \sin B + \sin^2 B & \sin C + \sin^2 C \end{vmatrix} = 0$   
 then the triangle must be  
 a) Equilateral                      b) Isosceles                      c) Any triangle                      d) Right angled
62. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \sin \theta & 1 \\ -\sin \theta & 1 & \sin \theta \\ -1 & -\sin \theta & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$ . Then, which of the following is not correct?  
 a)  $\text{Det}(A) = 0$                       b)  $\text{Det}(A) \in (-\infty, 0)$                       c)  $\text{Det}(A) \in [2, 4]$                       d)  $\text{Det}(A) \in [-2, \infty)$
63.  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & \pi \\ \log_e e & 5 & \sqrt{5} \\ \log_{10} 10 & 5 & e \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to  
 a)  $\sqrt{\pi}$                       b)  $e$                       c)  $1$                       d)  $0$
64. If  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = -2$  and  
 $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 + a^2x & (1 + b^2)x & (1 + c^2)x \\ (1 + a^2)x & (1 + b^2)x & (1 + c^2)x \\ (1 + a^2)x & (1 + b^2)x & (1 + c^2)x \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $f(x)$  is a polynomial of degree  
 a)  $2$                       b)  $3$                       c)  $0$                       d)  $1$
65. If  $c < 1$  and the system of equations  $x + y - 1 = 0$ ,  $2x - y - c = 0$  and  $-bx + 3by - c = 0$  is consistent, then the possible real values of  $b$  are  
 a)  $b \in \left(-3, \frac{3}{4}\right)$                       b)  $b \in \left(-\frac{3}{4}, 4\right)$                       c)  $b \in \left(-\frac{3}{4}, 3\right)$                       d) None of these
66. The value of  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ (2^x + 2^{-x})^2 & (3^x + 3^{-x})^2 & (5^x + 5^{-x})^2 \\ (2^x - 2^{-x})^2 & (3^x - 3^{-x})^2 & (5^x - 5^{-x})^2 \end{vmatrix}$  is  
 a)  $0$                       b)  $30^x$                       c)  $30^{-x}$                       d)  $1$
67. If  $A$  is an invertible matrix, then  $\det(A^{-1})$  is equal to  
 a)  $\det b(A)$                       b)  $\frac{1}{\det(A)}$                       c)  $1$                       d) None of these
68. If  $a \neq 0, b \neq 0, c \neq 0$ , then  $\begin{vmatrix} 1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+c \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to  
 a)  $abc$                       b)  $abc \left(1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)$                       c)  $0$                       d)  $1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}$
69. If  $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} a & -1 & 0 \\ ax & a & -1 \\ ax^2 & ax & a \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $f(2x) - f(x)$  is equal to  
 a)  $ax$                       b)  $ax(2a + 3x)$                       c)  $ax(2 + 3x)$                       d) None of these

70. If  $\begin{vmatrix} -12 & 0 & \lambda \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 15 \end{vmatrix} = -360$ , then the value of  $\lambda$  is  
 a)  $-1$                                       b)  $-2$                                       c)  $-3$                                       d)  $4$
71. If  $\omega$  is a complex cube root of unity, then  
 $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ \omega & \omega^2 & 1 \\ \omega^2 & 1 & \omega \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to  
 a)  $-1$                                       b)  $1$                                       c)  $0$                                       d)  $\omega$
72. The value of  $\begin{vmatrix} {}^{10}C_4 & {}^{10}C_5 & {}^{11}C_m \\ {}^{11}C_6 & {}^{11}C_7 & {}^{12}C_{m+2} \\ {}^{12}C_8 & {}^{12}C_9 & {}^{13}C_{m+4} \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , when  $m$  is equal to  
 a)  $6$                                       b)  $5$                                       c)  $4$                                       d)  $1$
73. If  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 5 & -6 & x \end{vmatrix} = 29$ , then  $x$  is  
 a)  $1$                                       b)  $2$                                       c)  $3$                                       d)  $4$
74.  $\begin{vmatrix} \sin^2 x & \cos^2 x & 1 \\ \cos^2 x & \sin^2 x & 1 \\ -10 & 12 & 2 \end{vmatrix} =$   
 a)  $0$   
 b)  $12 \cos^2 x - 10 \sin^2 x$   
 c)  $12 \sin^2 x - 10 \cos^2 x - 2$   
 d)  $10 \sin 2x$
75. If  $A$  and  $B$  are square matrices of order 3 such that  $|A| = -1$ ,  $|B| = 3$  then  $|3AB|$  is equal to  
 a)  $-9$                                       b)  $-81$                                       c)  $-27$                                       d)  $81$
76. If  $a, b, c$  are non-zero real numbers, then the system of equations  
 $(\alpha + a)x + \alpha y + \alpha z = 0$   
 $\alpha x + (\alpha + b)y + \alpha z = 0$   
 $\alpha x + \alpha y + (\alpha + c)z = 0$   
 has a non-trivial solution, if  
 a)  $\alpha^{-1} = -(a^{-1} + b^{-1} + c^{-1})$   
 b)  $\alpha^{-1} = a + b + c$   
 c)  $\alpha + a + b + c = 1$   
 d) None of these
77. The determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & a\alpha - b \\ b & c & b\alpha - c \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$  vanishes, if  
 a)  $a, b, c$  are in AP                      b)  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$                                       c)  $a, b, c$  are in GP                      d) Both (b) or (c)
78. If  $-9$  is a root of the equation  $\begin{vmatrix} x & 3 & 7 \\ 2 & x & 2 \\ 7 & 6 & x \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then the other two roots are  
 a)  $2, 7$                                       b)  $-2, 7$                                       c)  $2, -7$                                       d)  $-2, -7$
79. If  $ab + bc + ca = 0$  and  $\begin{vmatrix} a-x & c & b \\ c & b-x & a \\ b & a & c-x \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then one of the value of  $x$  is  
 a)  $(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^{1/2}$                       b)  $\left[\frac{3}{2}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)\right]^{1/2}$   
 c)  $\left[\frac{1}{2}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)\right]^{1/2}$                       d) None of these
80. The roots of the equation  $\begin{vmatrix} x-1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & x-1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & x-1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , are

81. a) 1, 2                                      b) -1, 2                                      c) 1, -2                                      d) -1, -2  
 $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1^3 & 2^3 & 3^3 \\ 1^5 & 2^5 & 3^5 \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to
82. a)  $1!2!3!$                                       b)  $1!3!5!$                                       c)  $6!$                                       d)  $9!$   
If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 2 \\ 2 & \alpha \end{bmatrix}$  and  $|A^3| = 125$ , then the value of  $\alpha$  is
83. a)  $\pm 1$                                       b)  $\pm 2$                                       c)  $\pm 3$                                       d)  $\pm 5$   
The value of  $\begin{vmatrix} x & 4 & y+z \\ y & 4 & z+x \\ z & 4 & x+y \end{vmatrix}$ , is
84. a) 4                                      b)  $x + y + z$                                       c)  $xyz$                                       d) 0  
If  $A, B, C$  be the angles of a triangle, then  $\begin{vmatrix} -1 & \cos C & \cos B \\ \cos C & -1 & \cos A \\ \cos B & \cos A & -1 \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to
85. a) 1                                      b) 0                                      c)  $\cos A \cos B \cos C$                                       d)  $\cos A + \cos B \cos C$   
One factor of  $\begin{vmatrix} a^2 + x & ab & ac \\ ab & b^2 + x & cb \\ ca & cb & c^2 + x \end{vmatrix}$  is
86. a)  $x^2$                                       b)  $(a^2 + x)(b^2 + x)(c^2 + x)$                                       c)  $\frac{1}{x}$                                       d) None of these  
If  $\begin{vmatrix} x+1 & x+2 & x+3 \\ x+2 & x+3 & x+4 \\ x+a & x+b & x+c \end{vmatrix} = 0$  then  $a, b, c$  are in
87. a) AP                                      b) HP                                      c) GP                                      d) None of these  
If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ x & 1 & 0 \\ x & x & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $A^3 - 4A^2 + 3A + I$  is equal to
88. a)  $3I$                                       b)  $I$                                       c)  $-I$                                       d)  $-2I$   
Determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & y \\ 2 & \sin x + 2x & \sin y + 3y \\ 3 & \cos x + 3x & \cos y + 3y \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to
89. a)  $\sin(x - y)$                                       b)  $\cos(x - y)$                                       c)  $\cos(x + y)$                                       d)  $xy(\sin(x - y))$   
If  $a, b, c$  are the positive integers, then the determinant  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a^2 + x & ab & ac \\ ab & b^2 + x & bc \\ ac & bc & c^2 + x \end{vmatrix}$  is divisible by
90. a)  $x^3$                                       b)  $x^2$                                       c)  $(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$                                       d) None of these  
If  $a, b, c$  are non-zero real numbers, then  $\begin{vmatrix} bc & ca & ab \\ ca & ab & bc \\ ab & bc & ca \end{vmatrix}$  vanishes, when
91. a)  $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} = 0$                                       b)  $\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{c} = 0$                                       c)  $\frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} - \frac{1}{a} = 0$                                       d)  $\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{c} - \frac{1}{a} = 0$   
If  $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2(x-1) & 3(x-1)(x-2) \\ x-1 & (x-1)(x-2) & (x-1)(x-2)(x-3) \\ x & x(x-1) & x(x-1)(x-2) \end{vmatrix}$   
Then, the value of  $f(49)$  is
92. a)  $49x$                                       b)  $-49x$                                       c) 0                                      d) 1  
if  $\begin{vmatrix} 1+ax & 1+bx & 1+cx \\ 1+a_1x & 1+b_1x & 1+c_1x \\ 1+a_2x & 1+b_2x & 1+c_2x \end{vmatrix} = A_0 + A_1x + A_2x^2 + A_3x^3$ , then  $A_0$  is equal to



- a)  $abc$                                   b) 0                                  c) 1                                  d) None of these
93. If  $A, B, C$  are the angles of a triangle, then the value of  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & \cos C & \cos B \\ \cos C & -1 & \cos A \\ \cos B & \cos A & -1 \end{vmatrix}$  is
- a)  $\cos A \cos B \cos C$                   b)  $\sin A \sin B \sin C$                   c) 0                                  d) None of these
94. The value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \cos(\beta - \alpha) & \cos(\gamma - \alpha) \\ \cos(\alpha - \beta) & 1 & \cos(\gamma - \beta) \\ \cos(\alpha - \gamma) & \cos(\beta - \gamma) & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  is
- a)  $4 \cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma$                   b)  $2 \cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma$                   c)  $4 \sin \alpha \sin \beta \sin \gamma$                   d) None of these
95. If one root of determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} x & 3 & 7 \\ 2 & x & 2 \\ 7 & 6 & x \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , is  $-9$ , then the other two roots are
- a) 2, 7    b) 2, -7    c) -2, 7    d) -2, -7
96. If  $0 \leq [x] < 2$ ,  $-1 \leq [y] < 1$  and  $1 \leq [z] < 3$ ,  $[\cdot]$  denotes the greatest integer function, then the maximum value of the determinant  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} [x] + 1 & [y] & [z] \\ [x] & [y] + 1 & [z] \\ [x] & [y] & [z] + 1 \end{vmatrix}$ , is
- a) 2    b) 6    c) 4    d) None of these
97. If  $D = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+x & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+y \end{vmatrix}$  for  $x \neq 0, y \neq 0$ , then  $D$  is
- a) Divisible by neither  $x$  nor  $y$                   b) Divisible by both  $x$  and  $y$   
c) Divisible by  $x$  but not  $y$                           d) Divisible by  $y$  but not  $x$
98. If  $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & (x+1) \\ 2x & x(x-1) & x(x+1) \\ 3x(x-1) & x(x-1)(x-2) & x(x-1)(x+1) \end{vmatrix}$  then  $f(11)$  equals
- a) 0    b) 11    c) -11    d) 1
99. The roots of the equation  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 & 20 \\ 1 & -2 & 5 \\ 1 & 2x & 5x^2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$
- a) -1, -2    b) -1, 2    c) 1, -2    d) 1, 2
100. One root of the equation  $\begin{vmatrix} 3x-8 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 3x-8 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 3x-8 \end{vmatrix} =$
- a)  $8/3$     b)  $2/3$     c)  $1/3$     d)  $16/3$
101. If  $\begin{vmatrix} \alpha & x & x & x \\ x & \beta & x & x \\ x & x & \gamma & x \\ x & x & x & \delta \end{vmatrix} = f(x) - xf'(x)$  then  $f(x)$  is equal to
- a)  $(x - \alpha)(x - \beta)(x - \gamma)(x - \delta)$   
b)  $(x + \alpha)(x + \beta)(x + \gamma)(x + \delta)$   
c)  $2(x - \alpha)(x - \beta)(x - \gamma)(x - \delta)$   
d) None of these
102. In  $\Delta ABC$  if  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 1 & c & a \\ 1 & b & c \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then  $\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B + \sin^2 C$  is equal to
- a)  $\frac{4}{9}$     b)  $\frac{9}{4}$     c)  $3\sqrt{3}$     d) 1

103. The value of determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} b+c & a+b & a \\ c+a & b+c & b \\ a+b & c+a & c \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to  
 a)  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc$     b)  $2abc(a+b+c)$     c) 0    d) None of these
104. If  $n = 3k$  and  $1, \omega, \omega^2$  are the cube roots of unity, then  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \omega^n & \omega^{2n} \\ \omega^{2n} & 1 & \omega^n \\ \omega^n & \omega^{2n} & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  has the value  
 a) 0    b)  $\omega$     c)  $\omega^2$     d) 1
105. If  $\begin{vmatrix} x & 3 & 6 \\ 3 & 6 & x \\ 6 & x & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & x & 7 \\ x & 7 & 2 \\ 7 & 2 & x \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 & x \\ 5 & x & 4 \\ x & 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then  $x$  is equal to  
 a) 9    b) -9    c) 0    d) -1
106. the system of simultaneous equations  
 $kx + 2y - z = 1$   
 $(k-1)y - 2z = 2$   
 $(k+2)z = 3$   
 Have a unique solution if  $k$  equals  
 a) -2    b) -1    c) 0    d) 1
107. If  $\alpha, \beta$  are non-real numbers satisfying  $x^3 - 1 = 0$ , then the value of  $\begin{vmatrix} \lambda+1 & \alpha & \beta \\ \alpha & \lambda+\beta & 1 \\ \beta & 1 & \lambda+\alpha \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to  
 a) 0    b)  $\lambda^3$     c)  $\lambda^3 + 1$     d)  $\lambda^3 - 1$
108. If  $x, y, z$  are different from zero and  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a & b-y & c-z \\ a-x & b & c-z \\ a-x & b-y & c \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then the value of expression  $\frac{a}{x} + \frac{b}{y} + \frac{c}{z}$  is  
 a) 0    b) -1    c) 1    d) 2
109. The value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \cos(\alpha-\beta) & \cos\alpha \\ \cos(\alpha-\beta) & 1 & \cos\beta \\ \cos\alpha & \cos\beta & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  is  
 a) 0    b) 1    c)  $\alpha^2 - \beta^2$     d)  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$
110. If  $A, B, C$  are the angles of a triangle, then the determinant  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \sin 2A & \sin C & \sin B \\ \sin C & \sin 2B & \sin A \\ \sin B & \sin A & \sin 2C \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to  
 a) 1    b) -1    c)  $\sin A + \sin B + \sin C$     d) None of these
111.  $\begin{vmatrix} a-b-c & 2a & 2a \\ 2b & b-c-a & 2b \\ 2c & 2c & c-a-b \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to  
 a) 0    b)  $a+b+c$     c)  $(a+b+c)^2$     d)  $(a+b+c)^3$
112.  $A$  and  $B$  are two non-zero square matrices such that  $AB = O$ . Then,  
 a) Both  $A$  and  $B$  are singular  
 b) Either of them is singular  
 c) Neither matrix is singular  
 d) None of these
113. The system of linear equations  
 $x + y + z = 2$   
 $2x + y - z = 3$   
 $3x + 2y + kz = 4$   
 Has a unique solution, is  
 a)  $k \neq 0$     b)  $-1 < k < 1$     c)  $-2 < k < 2$     d)  $k = 0$
114. If  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots$  are in GP and  $a_i > 0$  for each  $i$ , then the determinant



$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \log a_n & \log a_{n+2} & \log a_{n+4} \\ \log a_{n+6} & \log a_{n+8} & \log a_{n+10} \\ \log a_{n+12} & \log a_{n+14} & \log a_{n+16} \end{vmatrix} \text{ is equal to}$$

- a) 0                                      b) 1                                      c) 2                                      d)  $n$

115. The value of  $\begin{vmatrix} 11 & 12 & 13 \\ 12 & 13 & 14 \\ 13 & 14 & 15 \end{vmatrix}$ , is

- a) 1                                      b) 0                                      c) -1                                      d) 67

116. The determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} \cos C & \tan A & 0 \\ \sin B & 0 & -\tan A \\ 0 & \sin B & \cos C \end{vmatrix}$  has the value, where  $A, B, C$  are angles of a triangle

- a) 0                                      b) 1                                      c)  $\sin A \sin B$                                       d)  $\cos A \cos B \cos C$

117. If  $0 < \theta < \pi$  and the system of equations

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

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

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

Has a non-trivial solution, then  $\theta =$

- a)  $\frac{\pi}{6}$                                       b)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$                                       c)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$                                       d)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

118. Let  $\omega = -\frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ , then the value of the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 - \omega^2 & \omega^2 \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega^4 \end{vmatrix}, \text{ is}$$

- a)  $3\omega$                                       b)  $3\omega(\omega - 1)$                                       c)  $3\omega^2$                                       d)  $3\omega(1 - \omega)$

119. Let  $ax^6 + bx^5 + cx^4 + dx^3 + ex^2 + fx + g = \begin{vmatrix} (x+1) & (x^2+2) & (x^2+x) \\ (x^2+x) & (x^2+1) & (x^2+2) \\ (x^2+2) & (x^2+x) & (x+1) \end{vmatrix}$ . Then,

- a)  $f = 3, g = -5$                                       b)  $f = -3, g = -5$                                       c)  $f = -3, g = -9$                                       d) None of these

120. In a  $\Delta ABC$ , if  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 1 & c & a \\ 1 & b & c \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then  $\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B + \sin^2 C$  is equal to

- a)  $\frac{9}{4}$                                       b)  $\frac{4}{9}$                                       c) 1                                      d)  $3\sqrt{3}$

121. The value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 & 10 \\ 1 & 4 & 10 & 20 \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to

- a) 0                                      b) -1                                      c) 1                                      d) 10

122. If  $\Delta(x) = \begin{vmatrix} f(x) + f(-x) & 0 & x^4 \\ 3 & f(x) - f(-x) & \cos x \\ x^4 & 2x & f(x)f(-x) \end{vmatrix}$  (where  $f(x)$  is a real valued function of  $x$ ), then the

value of  $\int_{-2}^2 x^4 \Delta(x)$

- a) Depends upon the function  $f(x)$                                       b) is 4  
c) is -4                                      d) is zero

123. The value of  $\begin{vmatrix} \cos(x-a) & \cos(x+a) & \cos x \\ \sin(x+a) & \sin(x-a) & \sin x \\ \cos a \tan x & \cos a \cot x & \operatorname{cosec} 2x \end{vmatrix}$  is equal

- a) 1                                      b)  $\sin a \cos a$                                       c) 0                                      d)  $\sin x \cos x$

124. The roots of the equation

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3x^2 & x^2 + x \cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta & x^2 + x \sin \theta + \sin^2 \theta \\ x^2 + x \cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta & 3 \cos^2 \theta & 1 + \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2} \\ x^2 + x \sin \theta + \sin^2 \theta & 1 + \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2} & 3 \sin^2 \theta \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

- a)  $\sin \theta, \cos \theta$       b)  $\sin^2 \theta, \cos^2 \theta$       c)  $\sin \theta, \cos^2 \theta$       d)  $\sin^2 \theta, \cos \theta$

125. If  $A$  is a square matrix of order  $n$  such that its elements are polynomial in  $x$  and its  $r$ -rows become identical for  $x = k$ , then

- a)  $(x - k)^r$  is a factor of  $|A|$   
 b)  $(x - k)^{r-1}$  is a factor of  $|A|$   
 c)  $(x - k)^{r+1}$  is a factor  $|A|$   
 d)  $(x - k)^r$  is a factor of  $A$

126.  $\begin{vmatrix} x^2 + x & 3x - 1 & -x + 3 \\ 2x + 1 & 2 + x^2 & x^3 - 3 \\ x - 3 & x^2 + 4 & 3x \end{vmatrix}$   
 =  $a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_7x^7$ ,  
 The value of  $a_0$  is

- a) 25      b) 24      c) 23      d) 21

127.  $\begin{vmatrix} a & \cot \frac{A}{2} & \lambda \\ b & \cot \frac{B}{2} & \mu \\ c & \cot \frac{C}{2} & \gamma \end{vmatrix} = 0$  where,  $a, b, c, A, B$  and  $C$  are elements of a  $\Delta ABC$  with usual meaning. Then, the value

of  $a(\mu - \gamma) + b(\gamma - \lambda) + c(\lambda - \mu)$  is

- a) 0      b)  $abc$       c)  $ab + bc + ca$       d)  $2abc$

128. The value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} bc & ca & ab \\ p & q & r \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ , where  $a, b, c$  are the  $p^{\text{th}}, q^{\text{th}}$  and  $r^{\text{th}}$  terms of a H.P., is

- a)  $p + q + r$       b)  $(a + b + c)$       c) 1      d) None of these

129. If  $a, b, c$  are in AP, then the value of  $\begin{vmatrix} x+2 & x+3 & x+a \\ x+4 & x+5 & x+b \\ x+6 & x+7 & x+c \end{vmatrix}$  is

- a)  $x - (a + b + c)$       b)  $9x^2 + a + b + c$       c)  $a + b + c$       d) 0

130. For the values of  $A, B, C$  and  $P, Q, R$  the value of

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

- a) 0      b)  $\cos A \cos B \cos C$       c)  $\sin A \sin B \sin C$       d)  $\cos P \cos Q \cos R$

131. If  $\Delta(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x^n & \sin x & \cos x \\ n! & \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} & \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} \\ a & a^2 & a^3 \end{vmatrix}$ , then the value of  $\frac{d^n}{dx^n} [\Delta(x)]$  at  $x = 0$  is

- a) -1      b) 0      c) 1      d) Dependent of  $a$

132. 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

- a) 0      b) 1      c)  $\log_e xyz$       d) None of these

133. The value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 15! & 16! & 17! \\ 16! & 17! & 18! \\ 17! & 18! & 19! \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to

- a)  $15! + 16!$       b)  $2(15!)(16!)(17!)$       c)  $15! + 16! + 17!$       d)  $16! + 17!$

134. If  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 & 5 & x \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & y \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & z \\ x & y & z & 0 \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $\Delta$  equals

- a)  $(y - 2z + 3x)^2$   
 b)  $(x - 2y + z)^2$   
 c)  $(x + y + z)^2$   
 d)  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - xy - yz - zx$

135. If the system of equations  $2x + 3y + 5 = 0$ ,  $x + ky + 5 = 0$ ,  $kx - 12y - 14 = 0$  be consistent, then value of  $k$  is

- a)  $-2, \frac{12}{5}$                       b)  $-1, \frac{1}{5}$                       c)  $-6, \frac{17}{5}$                       d)  $6, -\frac{12}{5}$

136. If  $\begin{vmatrix} b^2 + c^2 & ab & ac \\ ab & c^2 + a^2 & bc \\ ca & cb & a^2 + b^2 \end{vmatrix} = k a^2 b^2 c^2$ , then  $k$  is equal to

- a) 3                                      b) 2                                      c) 4                                      d) None of these

137. The repeated factor of the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} y+z & x & y \\ z+x & z & x \\ x+y & y & z \end{vmatrix}, \text{ is}$$

- a)  $z - x$                               b)  $x - y$                               c)  $y - z$                               d) None of these

138. The determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 4+x^2 & -6 & -2 \\ -6 & 9+x^2 & 3 \\ -2 & 3 & 1+x^2 \end{vmatrix}$  is not divisible by

- a)  $x$                                       b)  $x^3$                                       c)  $14 + x^2$                               d)  $x^5$

139. If  $a, b, c$  are different, then the value of  $x$  satisfying  $\begin{vmatrix} 0 & x^2 - a & x^3 - b \\ x^2 + a & 0 & x^2 + c \\ x^4 + a & x - c & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$  is

- a)  $a$                                       b)  $b$                                       c)  $c$                                       d) 0

140. Determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} b^2 + c^2 & a^2 & a^2 \\ b^2 & c^2 + a^2 & b^2 \\ c^2 & c^2 & a^2 + b^2 \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to

- a)  $abc$                                       b)  $4abc$                                       c)  $4a^2b^2c^2$                               d)  $a^2b^2c^2$

141. If  $a \neq p, b \neq q, c \neq r$  and  $\begin{vmatrix} p & b & c \\ p+a & q+b & 2c \\ a & b & r \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then

$\frac{p}{p-a} + \frac{q}{q-b} + \frac{r}{r-c}$  is equal to

- a) 0                                      b) 1                                      c) 2                                      d) 3

142.  $\begin{vmatrix} a+b+2c & a & b \\ c & 2a+b+c & b \\ c & a & a+2b+c \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to

- a)  $(a+b+c)^2$                               b)  $2(a+b+c)^2$   
 c)  $(a+b+c)^3$                               d)  $2(a+b+c)^3$

143. If  $[ ]$  denotes the greatest integer less than or equal to the real number under consideration and  $-1 \leq x <$

$0; 0 \leq y < 1; 1 \leq z < 2$ , then the value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} [x] + 1 & [y] & [z] \\ [x] & [y] + 1 & [z] \\ [x] & [y] & [z] + 1 \end{vmatrix}$  is

- a)  $[x]$                                       b)  $[y]$                                       c)  $[z]$                                       d) None of these

144. The values of  $x$  for which the given matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} -x & x & 2 \\ 2 & x & -x \\ x & -2 & -x \end{bmatrix} \text{ will be non-singular, are}$$

- a)  $-2 \leq x \leq 2$                               b) For all  $x$  other than 2 and  $-2$   
 c)  $x \geq 2$                                       d)  $x \leq -2$

145. If all the elements in a square matrix  $A$  of order 3 are equal to 1 or  $-1$ , then  $|A|$ , is

- a) An odd number                      b) An even number                      c) An imaginary number                      d) A real number

146. Let  $a, b, c$  be such that  $(b+c) \neq 0$  and

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

Then the value of  $n$  is

147. a) Zero                                      b) Any even integer                      c) Any odd integer                      d) Any integer  
 Determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 1/a & a^2 & bc \\ 1/b & b^2 & ca \\ 1/c & c^2 & ab \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to

- a)  $abc$                                       b)  $\frac{1}{abc}$                                       c)  $ab + bc + ca$                       d) 0

148. One root of the equation  $\begin{vmatrix} x & -6 & -1 \\ 2 & -3x & x-3 \\ -3 & 2x & x+2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$  is

- a) 0    b) 1    c) -1    d) 3

149. The value of  $\begin{vmatrix} a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \\ (a+1)^2 & (b+1)^2 & (c+1)^2 \\ (a-1)^2 & (b-1)^2 & (c-1)^2 \end{vmatrix}$  is

- a)  $4 \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \\ a & b & c \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$                                       b)  $3 \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \\ a & b & c \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$                                       c)  $2 \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \\ a & b & c \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$                                       d) None of these

150. The value of the determinant

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1-a_1^3 b_1^3}{1-a_1 b_1} & \frac{1-a_1^3 b_2^3}{1-a_1 b_2} & \frac{1-a_1^3 b_3^3}{1-a_1 b_3} \\ \frac{1-a_2^3 b_1^3}{1-a_2 b_1} & \frac{1-a_2^3 b_2^3}{1-a_2 b_2} & \frac{1-a_2^3 b_3^3}{1-a_2 b_3} \\ \frac{1-a_3^3 b_1^3}{1-a_3 b_1} & \frac{1-a_3^3 b_2^3}{1-a_3 b_2} & \frac{1-a_3^3 b_3^3}{1-a_3 b_3} \end{vmatrix}, \text{ is}$$

- a) 0  
 b) Dependent only on  $a_1, a_2, a_3$   
 c) Dependent only on  $b_1, b_2, b_3$   
 d) Dependent on  $a_1, a_2, a_3, b_1, b_2, b_3$

151. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , then the value of the determinant  $|A^{2009} - 5A^{2008}|$  is

- a) -6    b) -5    c) -4    d) 4

152. If  $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x-3 & 2x^2-18 & 3x^3-81 \\ x-5 & 2x^2-50 & 4x^3-500 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$ , then

$f(1) \cdot f(3) + f(3) \cdot f(5) + f(5) \cdot f(1)$  is equal to

- a)  $f(1)$     b)  $f(3)$     c)  $f(1) + f(3)$                                       d)  $f(1) + f(5)$

153. The value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} x & a & b+c \\ x & b & c+a \\ x & c & a+b \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , if

- a)  $x = a$     b)  $x = b$     c)  $x = c$     d)  $x$  has any value

154. If the system of equations  $x + ky - z = 0$ ,  $3x - ky - z = 0$  and  $x - 3y + z = 0$  has non-zero solution then  $k$  is equal to

- a) -1    b) 0    c) 1    d) 2

155. If  $\begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1+x^3 \\ y & y^2 & 1+y^3 \\ z & z^2 & 1+z^3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$  and  $x, y, z$  are all distinct, then  $xyz$  is equal to

- a) -1    b) 1    c) 0    d) 3



165. Let  $D_r = \begin{vmatrix} 2^{r-1} & 2 \cdot 3^{r-1} & 4 \cdot 5^{r-1} \\ \alpha & \beta & \gamma \\ 2^n - 1 & 3^n - 1 & 5^n - 1 \end{vmatrix}$ . Then, the value of  $\sum_{r=1}^n D_r$  is  
 a)  $\alpha \beta \gamma$                       b)  $2^n \alpha + 2^n \beta + 4^n \gamma$       c)  $2\alpha + 3\beta + 4\gamma$                       d) None of these

166. In the interval  $[-\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4}]$ , the number of real solutions of the equations  $\begin{vmatrix} \sin x & \cos x & \cos x \\ \cos x & \sin x & \cos x \\ \cos x & \cos x & \sin x \end{vmatrix} = 0$  is  
 a) 0                                      b) 2                                      c) 1                                      d) 3

167. If  $A, B$  and  $C$  are the angles of a triangle and  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 + \sin A & 1 + \sin B & 1 + \sin C \\ \sin A + \sin^2 A & \sin B + \sin^2 B & \sin C + \sin^2 C \end{vmatrix} = 0$  then the triangle  $ABC$  is  
 a) Isosceles                              b) Equilateral                              c) Right angled isosceles      d) None of these

168. If  $A = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ x & y & z \\ p & q & r \end{vmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{vmatrix} q & -b & y \\ -p & a & -x \\ r & -c & z \end{vmatrix}$ , then  
 a)  $A = 2B$                               b)  $A = B$                               c)  $A = -B$                               d) None of these

169. If  $a = 1 + 2 + 4 + \dots$  to  $n$  terms,  $b = 1 + 3 + 9 + \dots$  to  $n$  terms and  $c = 1 + 5 + 25 + \dots$  to  $n$  terms, then  $\begin{vmatrix} a & 2b & 4c \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2^n & 3^n & 5^n \end{vmatrix}$  equals  
 a)  $(30)^n$                               b)  $(10)^n$                               c) 0                                      d)  $2^n + 3^n + 5^n$

170. If  $c = 2 \cos \theta$ , then the value of the determinant  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} c & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & c & 1 \\ 6 & 1 & c \end{vmatrix}$  is  
 a)  $\frac{\sin 4\theta}{\sin \theta}$                               b)  $\frac{2 \sin^2 2\theta}{\sin \theta}$                               c)  $4 \cos^2 \theta (2 \cos \theta - 1)$       d) None of these

171. The value of  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1^2 & 2^2 & 3^2 \\ 2^2 & 3^2 & 4^2 \\ 3^2 & 4^2 & 5^2 \end{vmatrix}$ , is  
 a) 8                                      b) -8                                      c) 400                                      d) 1

172. The factors of  $\begin{vmatrix} x & a & b \\ a & x & b \\ a & b & x \end{vmatrix}$  are  
 a)  $x - a, x - b$ , and  $x + a + b$   
 b)  $x + a, x + b$  and  $x + a + b$   
 c)  $x + a, x + b$  and  $x - a - b$   
 d)  $x - a, x - b$  and  $x - a - b$

173. Coefficient of  $x$  in  $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x & (1 + \sin x)^2 & \cos x \\ 1 & \log(1 + x) & 2 \\ x^2 & (1 + x)^2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$ , is  
 a) 0  
 b) 1  
 c) -2  
 d) Cannot be determined

174. If  $a \neq b, b, c$  satisfy  $\begin{vmatrix} a & 2b & 2c \\ 3 & b & c \\ 4 & a & b \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then  $abc =$   
 a)  $a + b + c$                               b) 0                                      c)  $b^3$                                       d)  $ab + bc$

175. Which one of the following is correct?  
 If  $A$  non-singular matrix, then



- a)  $\det(A^{-1}) = \det(A)$     b)  $\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}$     c)  $\det(A^{-1}) = 1$     d) None of these
176. If  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & 0 \\ 0 & a & b \\ b & 0 & a \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then  
 a)  $a$  is one of the cube roots of unity    b)  $b$  is one of the cube roots of unity  
 c)  $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$  is one of the cube roots of unity    d)  $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$  is one of the cube roots of  $-1$
177. If  $\begin{vmatrix} b+c & c+a & a+b \\ a+b & b+c & c+a \\ c+a & a+b & b+c \end{vmatrix} = k \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ c & a & b \\ d & c & a \end{vmatrix}$ , then the value of  $k$ , is  
 a) 1    b) 2    c) 3    d) 4
178. If the value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & c \end{vmatrix}$  is positive, then  
 a)  $abc > 1$     b)  $abc > -8$     c)  $abc < -8$     d)  $abc > -2$
179. The value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha & 1 \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 1 \\ \cos(\alpha + \beta) & -\sin(\alpha + \beta) & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  is  
 a) Independent of  $\alpha$     b) Independent of  $\beta$   
 c) Independent of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$     d) None of these
180. If  $B$  is a non-singular matrix and  $A$  is a square matrix such that  $B^{-1}AB$  exists, then  $\det(B^{-1}AB)$  is equal to  
 a)  $\det(A^{-1})$     b)  $\det(B^{-1})$     c)  $\det(B)$     d)  $\det(A)$
181. If matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \\ \lambda & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is singular, then  $\lambda$  is equal to  
 a)  $-2$     b)  $-1$     c) 1    d) 2
182. If  $x, y, z$  are in AP, then the value of the  $\det A$  is, where  

$$A = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 & 6 & x \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & y \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & z \\ x & y & z & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$
  
 a) 0    b) 1    c) 2    d) None of these
183. If  $\Delta_r = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & n & n \\ 2r & n^2 + n + 1 & n^2 + n \\ 2r - 1 & n^2 & n^2 + n + 1 \end{vmatrix}$  and  $\sum_{r=1}^n \Delta_r = 56$ , then  $n$  equals  
 a) 4    b) 6    c) 7    d) 8
184.  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 - bc \\ 1 & b & b^2 - ac \\ 1 & c & c^2 - ab \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to  
 a) 0    b)  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc$   
 c)  $3abc$     d)  $(a + b + c)^3$
185. If the matrix  $M_r$  is given by  $M_r = \begin{bmatrix} r & r-1 \\ r-1 & r \end{bmatrix}$   $r = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , then the value of  $\det(M_1) + \det(M_2) + \dots + \det(M_{2008})$  is  
 a) 2007    b) 2008    c)  $(2008)^2$     d)  $(2007)^2$
186. If  $\omega$  is the cube root of unity, then  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ \omega & \omega^2 & 1 \\ \omega^2 & 1 & \omega \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to  
 a) 1    b) 0    c)  $\omega$     d)  $\omega^2$
187. If  $1, \omega, \omega^2$  are the cube roots of unity, then  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \omega^n & \omega^{2n} \\ \omega^n & \omega^{2n} & 1 \\ \omega^{2n} & 1 & \omega^n \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to  
 a) 0    b) 1    c)  $\omega$     d)  $\omega^2$

188. The value of the following determinant is

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

- a)  $(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)(a+b+c)$       b)  $abc(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)$   
 c)  $(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)$       d) None of the above

189. The value of  $\begin{vmatrix} b+c & a & a \\ b & c+a & b \\ c & c & a+b \end{vmatrix}$ , is

- a)  $6abc$       b)  $a+b+c$       c)  $4abc$       d)  $abc$

190. The value of  $\begin{vmatrix} \log_5 729 & \log_3 5 \\ \log_5 27 & \log_9 25 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} \log_3 5 & \log_{27} 5 \\ \log_5 9 & \log_5 9 \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to

- a) 1      b) 6      c)  $\log_5 9$       d)  $\log_3 5 \cdot \log_5 81$

191. If  $a+b+c=0$ , then the solution of the equation  $\begin{vmatrix} a-x & c & b \\ c & b-x & a \\ b & a & c-x \end{vmatrix} = 0$  is

- a) 0      b)  $\pm \frac{3}{2}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$

- c)  $0, \pm \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}$       d)  $0, \pm \sqrt{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}$

192. If  $a, b$  and  $c$  are all different from zero and  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+c \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then the value of  $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}$  is

- a)  $abc$       b)  $\frac{1}{abc}$       c)  $-a-b-c$       d)  $-1$

193. If  $(\omega \neq 1)$  is a cubic root of unity, then

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1+i+\omega^2 & \omega^2 \\ 1-i & -1 & \omega^2-1 \\ -i & -1+\omega-i & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

- a) zero      b) 1      c)  $i$       d)  $\omega$

194. The value of  $\sum_{n=1}^N U_n$  if  $U_n = \begin{vmatrix} n & 1 & 5 \\ n^2 & 2N+1 & 2N+1 \\ n^3 & 3N^2 & 3N \end{vmatrix}$ , is

- a) 0      b) 1      c)  $-1$       d) None of these

195. The integer represented by the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} 215 & 342 & 511 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 36 & 49 & 54 \end{vmatrix}$$
 is exactly divisible by

- a) 146      b) 21      c) 20      d) 335

196. If  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  non-singular matrix, then  $\det(A^{-1} \text{adj } A)$  is equal to

- a)  $\det A$       b) 1      c)  $(\det A)^2$       d)  $(\det A)^{-1}$

197. Let  $A = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \sin \theta & 1 \\ -\sin \theta & 1 & \sin \theta \\ -1 & -\sin \theta & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ , where  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ , then the range of  $|A|$  is

- a) (2, 4)      b) [2, 4]      c) [2, 4)      d) All of these

198. In a third order determinant, each element of the first column consists of sum of two terms, each element of the second column consists of sum of three terms and each element of the third column consists of sum of four terms. Then, it can be decomposed into  $n$  determinant, where  $n$  has the value

- a) 1      b) 9      c) 16      d) 24

199. If  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots$ , are in GP, then the determinant

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \log a_n & \log a_{n+1} & \log a_{n+2} \\ \log a_{n+3} & \log a_{n+4} & \log a_{n+5} \\ \log a_{n+6} & \log a_{n+7} & \log a_{n+8} \end{vmatrix}$$
 is equal to

200. If  $\omega$  be a complex cube root of unity, then  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \omega & -\omega^2/2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to
- a) 2                                      b) 4                                      c) 0                                      d) 1
201.  $\begin{vmatrix} \log e & \log e^2 & \log e^3 \\ \log e^2 & \log e^3 & \log e^4 \\ \log e^3 & \log e^4 & \log e^5 \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to
- a) 0                                      b) 1                                      c)  $\omega$                                       d)  $\omega^2$
202. The value of the determinant,  $\begin{vmatrix} \sqrt{13} + \sqrt{3} & 2\sqrt{5} & \sqrt{5} \\ \sqrt{15} + \sqrt{26} & 5 & \sqrt{10} \\ 3 + \sqrt{65} & \sqrt{15} & 5 \end{vmatrix}$  is
- a)  $5(\sqrt{6} - 5)$                                       b)  $5\sqrt{3}(\sqrt{6} - 5)$                                       c)  $\sqrt{5}(\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{3})$                                       d)  $\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{5})$
203. If  $\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 10 & 4 & 3 \\ 17 & 7 & 4 \\ 4 & -5 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$ ,  $\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & x+5 & 3 \\ 7 & x+12 & 4 \\ -5 & x-1 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$  such that  $\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 = 0$ , is
- a)  $x = 5$                                       b)  $x = 0$                                       c)  $x$  has no real value                                      d) None of these
204. Let  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 + x_1y_1 & 1 + x_1y_2 & 1 + x_1y_3 \\ 1 + x_2y_1 & 1 + x_2y_2 & 1 + x_2y_3 \\ 1 + x_3y_1 & 1 + x_3y_2 & 1 + x_3y_3 \end{vmatrix}$ , then value of  $\Delta$  is
- a)  $x_1x_2x_3 + y_1y_2y_3$                                       b)  $x_1x_2x_3y_1y_2y_3$   
c)  $x_2x_3y_2y_3 + x_3y_1y_3y_1 + x_1x_2y_1y_2$                                       d) 0
205. If  $\begin{vmatrix} a & a+d & a+2d \\ a^2 & (a+d)^2 & (a+2d)^2 \\ 2a+3d & 2(a+d) & 2a+d \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then
- a)  $d = 0$                                       b)  $a + d = 0$                                       c)  $d = 0$  or  $a + d = 0$                                       d) None of these
206. Determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} b^2 - ab & b - c & bc - ac \\ ab - a^2 & a - b & b^2 - ab \\ bc - ac & c - a & ab - a^2 \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to
- a)  $abc(a + b + c)$                                       b)  $3a^2b^2c^2$                                       c) 0                                      d) None of these
207. If the system of equations  
 $bx + ay = c$ ,  $cx + az = b$ ,  $cy + bz = a$   
has a unique solution, then
- a)  $abc = 1$                                       b)  $abc = -2$                                       c)  $abc = 0$                                       d) None of these
208. If  $\omega$  is a cube root of unity, then  $\begin{vmatrix} x+1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ \omega & x+\omega^2 & 1 \\ \omega^2 & 1 & x+\omega \end{vmatrix}$ , is equal to
- a)  $x^3 + 1$                                       b)  $x^3 + \omega$                                       c)  $x^3 + \omega^2$                                       d)  $x^3$
209. If  $A$  and  $B$  are two matrices such that  $A + B$  and  $AB$  are both defined, then
- a)  $A$  and  $B$  are two matrices not necessarily of same order  
b)  $A$  and  $B$  are square matrices of same order  
c) Number of columns of  $A$  = Number of rows of  $B$   
d) None of these
210. The coefficient of  $x$  in  $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x & 1 + \sin x & \cos x \\ 1 & \log(1+x) & 2 \\ x^2 & 1 + x^2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$ ,  $-1 < x \leq 1$ , is
- a) 1                                      b) -2                                      c) -1                                      d) 0
211. The value of  $\begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 - bc & 1 \\ b & b^2 - ca & 1 \\ c & c^2 - ab & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ , is
- a) 1                                      b) -1                                      c) 0                                      d)  $-abc$

212. The value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \omega^3 & \omega^5 \\ \omega^3 & 1 & \omega^4 \\ \omega^5 & \omega^4 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ , where  $\omega$  is an imaginary cube root of unity, is
- a)  $(1 - \omega)^2$                       b) 3                      c)  $-3$                       d) None of these

213. Let  $a, b, c$ , be positive and not all equal, the value of the

Determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b \end{vmatrix}$  is

- a) Positive                      b) Negative                      c) Zero                      d) None of these

214. If  $\begin{vmatrix} -12 & 0 & \lambda \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 15 \end{vmatrix} = -360$ , then the value of  $\lambda$ , is

- a)  $-1$                       b)  $-2$                       c)  $-3$                       d) 4

215. If  $\begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & 1+a^3 \\ b & b^2 & 1+b^3 \\ c & c^2 & 1+c^3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$  and vectors  $(1, a, a^2)$ ,  $(1, b, b^2)$  and  $(1, c, c^2)$  are non-coplanar, then the product  $abc$  equals

- a) 2                      b)  $-1$                       c) 1                      d) 0

216.  $\omega$  is an imaginary cube root of unity and

$\begin{vmatrix} x + \omega^2 & \omega & 1 \\ \omega & \omega^2 & 1 + x \\ 1 & x + \omega & \omega^2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then one of the value of  $x$  is

- a) 1                      b) 0                      c)  $-1$                       d) 2

217. if  $x, y, z$  are in A.P., then the value of the  $\det(A)$  is, where

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 & 6 & x \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & y \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & z \\ x & y & z & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

- a) 0                      b) 1                      c) 2                      d) None of these

218. If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in R$ , then the determinant  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} (e^{i\alpha} + e^{-i\alpha})^2 & (e^{i\alpha} - e^{-i\alpha})^2 & 4 \\ (e^{i\beta} + e^{-i\beta})^2 & (e^{i\beta} - e^{-i\beta})^2 & 4 \\ (e^{i\gamma} + e^{-i\gamma})^2 & (e^{i\gamma} - e^{-i\gamma})^2 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$  is

- a) Independent of  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$                       b) Dependent of  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$   
 c) Independent of  $\alpha, \beta$  only                      d) Independent of  $\alpha, \beta$  only

219. If  $a > 0, b > 0, c > 0$  are respectively the  $p^{th}, q^{th}, r^{th}$  terms of a GP, then the value of the determinant

$\begin{vmatrix} \log a & p & 1 \\ \log b & q & 1 \\ \log c & r & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ , is

- a) 1                      b) 0                      c)  $-1$                       d) None of these

220. The sum of the products of the elements of any row of a determinant  $A$  with the cofactors of the corresponding elements is equal to

- a) 1                      b) 0                      c)  $|A|$                       d)  $\frac{1}{2}|A|$

221. If  $a, b, c, d, e$  and  $f$  are in GP, then the value of

$\begin{vmatrix} a^2 & d^2 & x \\ b^2 & e^2 & y \\ c^2 & f^2 & z \end{vmatrix}$

- a) Depends on  $x$  and  $y$                       b) Depends on  $x$  and  $z$   
 c) Depends on  $y$  and  $z$                       d) independents on  $x, y$  and  $z$

222. The value of  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \log_x y & \log_x z \\ \log_y x & 1 & \log_y z \\ \log_z x & \log_z y & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to

223. a) 0    b) 1    c)  $xyz$     d)  $\log xyz$   
The value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1-x & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+y \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to
224. a)  $3-x+y$     b)  $(1-x)(1+y)$     c)  $xy$     d)  $-xy$   
If  $\begin{vmatrix} x & y & z \\ -x & y & z \\ x & -y & z \end{vmatrix} = kxyz$ , then  $k$  is equal to
225. a) 1    b) 3    c) 4    d) 2  
If  $x = -5$  is a root of  $\begin{vmatrix} 2x+1 & 4 & 8 \\ 2 & 2x & 2 \\ 7 & 6 & 2x \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then the other roots are
226. Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. The following system of equations in  $x, y$  and  $z$   
 $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1, \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1, -\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$  has  
a) No solution  
b) Unique solution  
c) Infinitely many solutions  
d) Finitely many solutions
227.  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 + \sin^2 \theta & \sin^2 \theta & \sin^2 \theta \\ \cos^2 \theta & 1 + \cos^2 \theta & \cos^2 \theta \\ 4 \sin 4\theta & 4 \sin 4\theta & 1 + 4 \sin 4\theta \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then  $\sin 4\theta$  equals to  
a)  $1/2$     b) 1    c)  $-1/2$     d)  $-1$
228. If  $a, b, c$  are unequal what is the condition that the value of the determinant,  $\Delta \equiv \begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & a^3 + 1 \\ b & b^2 & b^3 + 1 \\ c & c^2 & c^3 + 1 \end{vmatrix}$  is 0?  
a)  $1 + abc = 0$     b)  $a + b + c + 1 = 0$   
c)  $(a-b)(b-c)(c-a) = 0$     d) None of these
229. If  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = \pi$ , then the value of the determinant  
 $\begin{vmatrix} e^{2i\alpha} & e^{-i\gamma} & e^{-i\beta} \\ e^{-i\gamma} & e^{2i\beta} & e^{-i\alpha} \\ e^{-i\beta} & e^{-i\alpha} & e^{2i\gamma} \end{vmatrix}$ , is  
a) 4    b)  $-4$     c) 0    d) None of these
230. If  $x^a y^b = e^m, x^c y^d = e^n, \Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} m & b \\ n & d \end{vmatrix}, \Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} a & m \\ c & n \end{vmatrix}$  and  $\Delta_3 = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$ , then the values of  $x$  and  $y$  are respectively  
a)  $\frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta_3}$  and  $\frac{\Delta_2}{\Delta_3}$     b)  $\frac{\Delta_2}{\Delta_1}$  and  $\frac{\Delta_3}{\Delta_1}$   
c)  $\log \left( \frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta_3} \right)$  and  $\log \left( \frac{\Delta_2}{\Delta_3} \right)$     d)  $e^{\Delta_1/\Delta_3}$  and  $e^{\Delta_2/\Delta_3}$
231. If  $a \neq b \neq c$ , then the value of  $x$  satisfying the equation  
 $\begin{vmatrix} 0 & x^2 - a & a - b \\ x + a & 0 & x - c \\ x + b & x - c & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$  is  
a)  $a$     b)  $b$     c)  $c$     d) 0
232. The value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 10! & 11! & 12! \\ 11! & 12! & 13! \\ 12! & 13! & 14! \end{vmatrix}$  is  
a)  $2(10! 11!)$     b)  $2(10! 13!)$     c)  $2(10! 11! 12!)$     d)  $2(11! 12! 13!)$
233. The number of distinct real root of  $\begin{vmatrix} \sin x & \cos x & \cos x \\ \cos x & \sin x & \cos x \\ \cos x & \cos x & \sin x \end{vmatrix} = 0$  in the interval  $-\frac{\pi}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$  is  
a) 0    b) 2    c) 1    d) 3

234. The value of determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} (a^x + a^{-x})^2 & (a^x - a^{-x})^2 & 1 \\ (b^x + b^{-x})^2 & (b^x - b^{-x})^2 & 1 \\ (c^x + c^{-x})^2 & (c^x - c^{-x})^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  is
- a) 0                                      b)  $2abc$                                       c)  $a^2b^2c^2$                                       d) None of these
235. The matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$  is non-singular
- a) For all real values of  $\lambda$     b) Only when  $\lambda = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$     c) Only when  $\lambda \neq 0$     d) Only when  $\lambda = 0$
236. If  $\begin{vmatrix} a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \\ (a+1)^2 & (b+1)^2 & (c+1)^2 \\ (a-1)^2 & (b-1)^2 & (c-1)^2 \end{vmatrix} = k \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \\ a & b & c \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ ,  
Then the value of  $k$  is
- a) 1                                      b) 2                                      c) 3                                      d) 4
237. If  $f(x), g(x)$  and  $h(x)$  are three polynomials of degree 2 and  $\Delta(x) = \begin{vmatrix} f(x) & g(x) & h(x) \\ f'(x) & g'(x) & h'(x) \\ f''(x) & g''(x) & h''(x) \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $\Delta(x)$  is  
polynomial of degree
- a) 2                                      b) 3                                      c) At most 2                                      d) At most 3
238. The value of  $\begin{vmatrix} x+y & y+z & z+x \\ x & y & z \\ x-y & y-z & z-x \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to
- a)  $2(x+y+z)^2$                                       b)  $2(x+y+z)^3$                                       c)  $(x+y+z)^3$                                       d) 0
239. If  $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 1+a & 1+ax & 1+ax^2 \\ 1+b & 1+bx & 1+bx^2 \\ 1+c & 1+cx & 1+cx^2 \end{vmatrix}$ , where  $a, b, c$  are non-zero constants, then value of  $f(10)$  is
- a)  $10(b-a)(c-a)$                                       b)  $100(b-a)(c-b)(a-c)$   
c)  $100abc$                                       d) 0
240. The value of  $\lambda$ , if  $ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + 50x + d = \begin{vmatrix} x^3 - 14x^2 & -x & 3x + \lambda \\ 4x + 1 & 3x & x - 4 \\ -3 & 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$ , is
- a) 0                                      b) 1                                      c) 2                                      d) 3
241. If  $\begin{vmatrix} x^2 + x & x + 1 & x - 2 \\ 2x^2 + 3x - 1 & 3x & 3x - 3 \\ x^2 + 2x + 3 & 2x - 1 & 2x - 1 \end{vmatrix} = Ax - 12$ , then the value of  $A$  is
- a) 12                                      b) 23                                      c) -12                                      d) 24
242. The value of  $x$  obtained from the equation  $\begin{vmatrix} x + \alpha & \beta & \gamma \\ \gamma & x + \beta & \alpha \\ \alpha & \beta & x + \gamma \end{vmatrix} = 0$  will be
- a) 0 and  $-(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)$                                       b) 0 and  $(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)$   
c) 1 and  $(\alpha - \beta - \gamma)$                                       d) 0 and  $(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2)$
243.  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 + ax & 1 + bx & 1 + cx \\ 1 + a_1x & 1 + b_1x & 1 + c_1x \\ 1 + a_2x & 1 + b_2x & 1 + c_2x \end{vmatrix} = A_0 + A_1x + A_2x^2 + A_3x^3$ , then  $A_1$  is equal to
- a)  $abc$                                       b) 0                                      c) 1                                      d) None of these
244. From the matrix equation  $AB = AC$  we can conclude  $B = C$  provided that
- a)  $A$  is singular                                      b)  $A$  is non-singular                                      c)  $A$  is symmetric                                      d)  $A$  is square
245. If  $a \neq b$ , then the system of equation  
 $ax + by + bz = 0$   
 $bx + ay + bz = 0$   
 $bx + by + az = 0$   
Will have a non-trivial solution, is
- a)  $a + b = 0$                                       b)  $a + 2b = 0$                                       c)  $2a + b = 0$                                       d)  $a + 4b = 0$

246. If  $\omega$  is an imaginary cube root of unity, then the value of

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b\omega^2 & a\omega \\ b\omega & c & b\omega^2 \\ c\omega^2 & a\omega & c \end{vmatrix}, \text{ is}$$

- a)  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3$       b)  $a^2b - b^2c$       c) 0      d)  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc$

247. The value of determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} a+b & a+2b & a+3b \\ a+2b & a+3b & a+4b \\ a+4b & a+5b & a+6b \end{vmatrix}$  is

- a)  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - 3abc$       b)  $3ab$       c)  $3a + 5b$       d) 0

248. The value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} y+z & x & x \\ y & z+x & y \\ z & z & x+y \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to

- a)  $6xyz$       b)  $xyz$       c)  $4xyz$       d)  $xy + yz + zx$

249. If  $\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} x & b & b \\ a & x & b \\ a & a & x \end{vmatrix}$  and  $\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} x & b \\ a & x \end{vmatrix}$ , then

- a)  $\Delta_1 = 3(\Delta_2)^2$       b)  $\frac{d}{dx}(\Delta_1) = 3\Delta_2$       c)  $\frac{d}{dx}(\Delta_1) = 3\Delta_2^2$       d)  $\Delta_1 = 3(\Delta_2)^{3/2}$

250. For positive numbers  $x, y, z$  (other than unity) the numerical value of the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \log_x y & \log_x z \\ \log_y x & 3 & \log_y z \\ \log_z x & \log_z y & 5 \end{vmatrix}, \text{ is}$$

- a) 0      b)  $\log x \log y \log z$       c) 1      d) 8

251. The value of  $\begin{vmatrix} 1990 & 1991 & 1992 \\ 1991 & 1992 & 1993 \\ 1992 & 1993 & 1994 \end{vmatrix}$  is

- a) 1992      b) 1993      c) 1994      d) 0

252. If  $\begin{vmatrix} a+x & a-x & a-x \\ a-x & a+x & a-x \\ a-x & a-x & a+x \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then  $x$  is equal to

- a)  $0, 2a$       b)  $a, 2a$       c)  $0, 3a$       d) None of these

253. The determinant  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} b & c & b\alpha + c \\ c & d & c\alpha + d \\ b\alpha + c & c\alpha + d & a\alpha^3 - c\alpha \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to zero, if

- a)  $b, c, d$  are in A.P.  
b)  $b, c, d$  are in G.P.  
c)  $b, c, d$  are in H.P.  
d)  $\alpha$  is a root of  $ax^3 + bx^2 - cx - d = 0$

254. If  $\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = 5$ , then the value of  $\begin{vmatrix} b_2c_3 - b_3c_2 & c_2a_3 - c_3a_2 & a_2b_3 - c_3b_2 \\ b_3c_1 - b_1c_3 & c_3a_1 - c_1a_3 & a_3b_1 - a_1b_3 \\ b_1c_2 - b_2c_1 & c_1a_2 - c_2a_1 & a_1b_2 - a_2b_1 \end{vmatrix}$  is

- a) 5      b) 25      c) 125      d) 0

255. The determinant  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a^2 + x^2 & ab & ac \\ ab & b^2 + x^2 & bc \\ ac & bc & c^2 + x^2 \end{vmatrix}$  is divisible by

- a)  $x^5$       b)  $x^4$       c)  $x^4 + 1$       d)  $x^4 - 1$

256. If  $\Delta_a = \begin{vmatrix} a-1 & n & 6 \\ (a-1)^2 & 2n^2 & 4n-2 \\ (a-1)^3 & 3n^3 & 3n^2-3n \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $\sum_{a=1}^n \Delta_a$  is equal to

- a) 0      b) 1      c)  $\left\{ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right\} \left\{ \frac{a(a+1)}{2} \right\}$       d) None of these

257. Let the determinant of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  be 6, then  $B$  is a matrix defined by  $B = 5A^2$ . Then, determinant of  $B$  is

- a) 180      b) 100      c) 80      d) None of These

258. The coefficient of  $x$  in  $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x & 1 + \sin x & \cos x \\ 1 & \log(1+x) & 2 \\ x^2 & 1+x^2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$ ,  $-1 < x \leq 1$ , is
- a) 1                      b) -2                      c) -1                      d) 0
259. The value of  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ bc & ca & ab \\ b+c & c+a & a+b \end{vmatrix}$  is
- a) 1                      b) 0                      c)  $(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)$                       d)  $(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)$
260. A factor of  $\Delta(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x^3+1 & 2x^4+3x^2 & 3x^5+4x \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 3 & 14 & 19 \end{vmatrix}$  is
- a)  $x$                       b)  $(x-1)^2$                       c)  $(x+1)^2$                       d) None of these
261. If  $p\lambda^4 + q\lambda^3 + r\lambda^2 + s\lambda + t = \begin{vmatrix} b^2+c^2 & a^2+\lambda & a^2+\lambda \\ b^2+\lambda & c^2+a^2 & b^2+\lambda \\ c^2+\lambda & c^2+\lambda & a^2+b^2 \end{vmatrix}$  is an identity in  $\lambda$ , where  $p, q, r, s, t$  are constants, then the value of  $t$  is
- a) 1                      b) 2                      c) 0                      d) None of these
262. The value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 10! & 11! & 12! \\ 11! & 12! & 13! \\ 12! & 13! & 14! \end{vmatrix}$  is
- a)  $2(10! 11!)$                       b)  $2(10! 13!)$                       c)  $2(10! 11! 12!)$                       d)  $2(11! 12! 13!)$
263. If  $A_i = \begin{bmatrix} a^i & b^i \\ b^i & a^i \end{bmatrix}$  and if  $|a| < 1, |b| < 1$ , then  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \det(A_i)$  is equal to
- a)  $\frac{a^2}{(1-a)^2} - \frac{b^2}{(1-b)^2}$                       b)  $\frac{a^2-b^2}{(1-a)^2(1-b)^2}$                       c)  $\frac{a^2}{(1-a)^2} + \frac{b^2}{(1-b)^2}$                       d)  $\frac{a^2}{(1+a)^2} - \frac{b^2}{(1+b)^2}$
264. If  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & x \\ 4 & -1 & 7 \\ 2 & 4 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$  is a singular matrix, then  $x$  is equal to
- a) 0                      b) 1                      c) -3                      d) 3
265. The value of  $\begin{vmatrix} x & p & q \\ p & x & q \\ p & q & x \end{vmatrix}$  is
- a)  $x(x-p)(x-q)$                       b)  $(x-p)(x-q)(x+p+q)$                       c)  $(p-q)(x-q)(x-p)$                       d)  $pq(x-p)(x-q)$
266. The roots of the equation  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 & 20 \\ 1 & -2 & 5 \\ 1 & 2x & 5x^2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$  are
- a) -1, -2                      b) -1, 2                      c) 1, -2                      d) 1, 2
267. If  $\begin{vmatrix} 6i-3i & 1 \\ 4 & 3i-1 \\ 40 & 3 & i \end{vmatrix} = x+iy$ , then
- a)  $x=3, y=1$                       b)  $x=1, y=3$                       c)  $x=0, y=3$                       d)  $x=0, y=0$
268. The determinant  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \cos(\alpha+\beta) & -\sin(\alpha+\beta) & \cos 2\beta \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & \sin \beta \\ -\sin \alpha & \sin \alpha & \cos \beta \end{vmatrix}$  is independent of
- a)  $\alpha$                       b)  $\beta$                       c)  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$                       d) Neither  $\alpha$  nor  $\beta$
269.  $\begin{vmatrix} x+1 & x+2 & x+a \\ x+2 & x+3 & x+b \\ x+3 & x+4 & x+c \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then  $a, b, c$  are
- a) In GP                      b) In HP                      c) Equal                      d) In AP
270. If  $1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{c} = 0$ , then  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+c \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to
- a) 0                      b)  $abc$                       c)  $-abc$                       d) None of these



271. If  $a \neq b \neq c$ , the value of  $x$  which satisfies the equation

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & x-a & x-b \\ x+a & 0 & x-c \\ x+b & x+c & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0, \text{ is}$$

- a)  $x = 0$                                       b)  $x = a$                                       c)  $x = b$                                       d)  $x = c$

272. If  $D_r = \begin{vmatrix} r & 1 & \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\ 2r-1 & 4 & n^2 \\ 2^{r-1} & 5 & 2^n - 1 \end{vmatrix}$ , then the value of  $\sum_{r=0}^n D_r$  is

- a) 0    b) 1    c)  $\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$     d) None of these

273. If  $f(\alpha) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 \\ \alpha & \alpha^2 & 1 \\ \alpha^2 & 1 & \alpha \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $f(\sqrt[3]{3})$  is equal to

- a) 1    b) -4    c) 4    d) 2

274. The value of the determinant  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 2a_1b_1 & a_1b_2 + a_2b_1 & a_1b_3 + a_3b_1 \\ a_1b_2 + a_2b_1 & 2a_2b_2 & a_2b_3 + a_3b_2 \\ a_1b_3 + a_3b_1 & a_3b_2 + a_2b_3 & 2a_3b_3 \end{vmatrix}$  is

- a) 1    b)  $2a_1a_2a_3b_1b_2b_3$     c) 0    d)  $a_1a_2a_3b_1b_2b_3$

275. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $A_{ij}$  are the cofactors of  $a_{ij}$ , then

$a_{11}A_{11} + a_{12}A_{12} + a_{13}A_{13}$  is equal to

- a) 8    b) 6    c) 4    d) 0

276. The equation  $\begin{vmatrix} x-a & x-b & x-c \\ x-b & x-c & x-a \\ x-c & x-a & x-b \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , where  $a, b, c$  are different, is satisfied by

- a)  $x = 0$     b)  $x = a$     c)  $x = \frac{1}{3}(a+b+c)$     d)  $a = a+b+c$

277.  $\begin{vmatrix} x & p & q \\ p & x & q \\ q & q & x \end{vmatrix} =$

- a)  $(x+p)(x+q)(x-p-q)$   
 b)  $(x-p)(x-q)(x+p+q)$   
 c)  $(x-p)(x-q)(x-p-q)$   
 d)  $(x+p)(x+q)(x+p+q)$

278. If  $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2x & (x-1) & x \\ 3x(x-1) & (x-1)(x-2) & x(x-1) \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $f(50)$  is equal to

- a) 0    b) 1    c) 100    d) -100

# DETERMINANTS

## : ANSWER KEY :

1)	b	2)	a	3)	b	4)	b	141)	c	142)	d	143)	c	144)	b
5)	c	6)	b	7)	c	8)	c	145)	b	146)	c	147)	d	148)	b
9)	b	10)	a	11)	b	12)	d	149)	a	150)	d	151)	a	152)	b
13)	d	14)	d	15)	b	16)	a	153)	d	154)	c	155)	a	156)	a
17)	c	18)	a	19)	b	20)	c	157)	b	158)	d	159)	b	160)	c
21)	c	22)	c	23)	b	24)	a	161)	a	162)	d	163)	c	164)	d
25)	b	26)	b	27)	c	28)	d	165)	d	166)	c	167)	a	168)	c
29)	d	30)	a	31)	c	32)	b	169)	c	170)	d	171)	b	172)	a
33)	d	34)	a	35)	c	36)	a	173)	c	174)	c	175)	b	176)	d
37)	a	38)	a	39)	b	40)	c	177)	b	178)	b	179)	a	180)	d
41)	d	42)	b	43)	b	44)	d	181)	d	182)	a	183)	c	184)	a
45)	d	46)	a	47)	b	48)	c	185)	c	186)	b	187)	a	188)	a
49)	d	50)	a	51)	c	52)	b	189)	c	190)	d	191)	c	192)	d
53)	c	54)	b	55)	c	56)	a	193)	a	194)	a	195)	c	196)	a
57)	d	58)	d	59)	d	60)	c	197)	d	198)	d	199)	c	200)	a
61)	b	62)	c	63)	d	64)	a	201)	a	202)	b	203)	a	204)	d
65)	c	66)	a	67)	b	68)	b	205)	c	206)	c	207)	c	208)	d
69)	b	70)	c	71)	c	72)	b	209)	b	210)	b	211)	c	212)	b
73)	b	74)	a	75)	b	76)	a	213)	b	214)	c	215)	b	216)	b
77)	d	78)	a	79)	a	80)	b	217)	a	218)	a	219)	b	220)	c
81)	c	82)	c	83)	b	84)	b	221)	d	222)	a	223)	d	224)	c
85)	a	86)	a	87)	b	88)	a	225)	b	226)	b	227)	c	228)	a
89)	d	90)	a	91)	c	92)	b	229)	b	230)	d	231)	d	232)	c
93)	c	94)	d	95)	a	96)	c	233)	c	234)	a	235)	c	236)	d
97)	b	98)	a	99)	b	100)	b	237)	c	238)	d	239)	d	240)	c
101)	a	102)	b	103)	a	104)	a	241)	d	242)	a	243)	b	244)	b
105)	b	106)	b	107)	b	108)	d	245)	b	246)	c	247)	d	248)	c
109)	a	110)	d	111)	d	112)	b	249)	b	250)	d	251)	d	252)	c
113)	a	114)	a	115)	b	116)	a	253)	b	254)	b	255)	b	256)	a
117)	d	118)	d	119)	d	120)	a	257)	d	258)	b	259)	c	260)	b
121)	c	122)	d	123)	c	124)	a	261)	d	262)	c	263)	b	264)	c
125)	a	126)	d	127)	a	128)	d	265)	b	266)	b	267)	d	268)	a
129)	d	130)	a	131)	b	132)	a	269)	d	270)	a	271)	a	272)	a
133)	b	134)	b	135)	c	136)	c	273)	b	274)	c	275)	a	276)	c
137)	a	138)	d	139)	d	140)	c	277)	b	278)	a				



# DETERMINANTS

## : HINTS AND SOLUTIONS :

- 2 (a)
- $$\text{Given } \begin{vmatrix} x & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 5 & x \\ -1 & 2 & x \end{vmatrix} = 0$$
- $$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} x & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 5 & x \\ -3 & -3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad [R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2]$$
- $$\Rightarrow -1(-6 + 15) - x[-3x + 6] = 0$$
- $$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x - 3 = 0$$
- $$\Rightarrow x = 3, -1$$
- 3 (b)
- $$\begin{vmatrix} 441 & 442 & 443 \\ 445 & 446 & 447 \\ 449 & 450 & 451 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 441 & 1 & 1 \\ 445 & 1 & 1 \\ 449 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$
- $$C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1$$
- $$C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1$$
- $$= 0 \quad [\because \text{two columns are identical}]$$
- 4 (b)
- $$\text{Given, } f(\alpha) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 \\ \alpha & \alpha^2 & 1 \\ \alpha^2 & 1 & \alpha \end{vmatrix}$$
- $$= 1(\alpha^3 - 1) - \alpha(\alpha^2 - \alpha^2) + \alpha^2(\alpha - \alpha^4)$$
- $$= \alpha^3 - 1 - 0 + \alpha^3 - \alpha^6$$
- $$\Rightarrow f(\sqrt[3]{3}) = 3 - 1 - 0 + 3 - 3^2$$
- $$= 6 - 10 = -4$$
- 5 (c)
- Let the first term and common difference of an AP are  $A$  and  $D$  respectively.
- $$\therefore a = A + (p - 1)D, b = A + (q - 1)D,$$
- $$\text{and } c = A + (r - 1)D$$
- $$\text{Now, } \begin{vmatrix} a & p & 1 \\ b & q & 1 \\ c & r & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} A + (p - 1)D & p & 1 \\ A + (q - 1)D & q & 1 \\ A + (r - 1)D & r & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$
- Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - DC_2 + DC_3$
- $$= \begin{vmatrix} A & p & 1 \\ A & q & 1 \\ A & r & 1 \end{vmatrix} = A \begin{vmatrix} 1 & p & 1 \\ 1 & q & 1 \\ 1 & r & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (\because \text{two columns are identical})$$
- 6 (b)
- Minor of  $(-4) = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = -42$
- Minor of  $9 = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -4 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = -3$
- Cofactor of  $(-4) = (-1)^{2+1} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 42$
- and cofactor of  $9 = (-1)^{3+3} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -4 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = -3$
- 7 (c)

Given,  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  are the cube roots of unity, then assume

$$\alpha = 1, \beta = \omega \text{ and } \gamma = \omega^2.$$

$$\therefore \begin{vmatrix} e^\alpha & e^{2\alpha} & (e^{3\alpha} - 1) \\ e^\beta & e^{2\beta} & (e^{3\beta} - 1) \\ e^\gamma & e^{2\gamma} & (e^{3\gamma} - 1) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} e^\alpha & e^{2\alpha} & e^{3\alpha} \\ e^\beta & e^{2\beta} & e^{3\beta} \\ e^\gamma & e^{2\gamma} & e^{3\gamma} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} e^\alpha & e^{2\alpha} & -1 \\ e^\beta & e^{2\beta} & -1 \\ e^\gamma & e^{2\gamma} & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= e^\alpha e^\beta e^\gamma \begin{vmatrix} 1 & e^\alpha & e^{2\alpha} \\ 1 & e^\beta & e^{2\beta} \\ 1 & e^\gamma & e^{2\gamma} \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & e^\alpha & e^{2\alpha} \\ 1 & e^\beta & e^{2\beta} \\ 1 & e^\gamma & e^{2\gamma} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & e^\alpha & e^{2\alpha} \\ 1 & e^\beta & e^{2\beta} \\ 1 & e^\gamma & e^{2\gamma} \end{vmatrix} [e^\alpha e^\beta e^\gamma - 1] = 0$$

$$(\because e^\alpha e^\beta e^\gamma = e^{1+\omega+\omega^2} = e^0 = 1)$$

- 8 (c)
- Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$ , we obtain
- $$-x \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -6 & 3 \\ 1 & 3-x & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & -6-x \end{vmatrix} = 0$$
- $$\Rightarrow -x \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -6 & 3 \\ 0 & 9-x & 0 \\ 0 & 9 & -9-x \end{vmatrix} = 0$$
- [Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$ ,  
 $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$ ]
- $$\Rightarrow -x(9-x)(-9-x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0, 9, -9$$

- 9 (b)
- $$\begin{vmatrix} \log_3 512 & \log_4 3 \\ \log_3 8 & \log_4 9 \end{vmatrix} \times \begin{vmatrix} \log_2 3 & \log_8 3 \\ \log_3 4 & \log_3 4 \end{vmatrix}$$
- $$= (\log_3 512 \times \log_4 9 - \log_4 3 \log_3 8) \times (\log_2 3 \times \log_3 4 - \log_8 3 \times \log_3 4)$$
- $$= \left( \frac{\log 512}{\log 3} \times \frac{\log 9}{\log 4} - \frac{\log 3}{\log 4} \times \frac{\log 8}{\log 3} \right) \times \left( \frac{\log 3}{\log 2} \times \frac{\log 4}{\log 3} \times \frac{\log 3}{\log 8} \times \frac{\log 4}{\log 3} \right)$$
- $$= \left( \frac{\log 2^9}{\log 3} \times \frac{\log 3^2}{\log 2^2} \times \frac{\log 2^3}{\log 2^2} \right) \times \left( \frac{\log 2^2}{\log 2} - \frac{\log 2^2}{\log 2^3} \right)$$
- $$= \left( \frac{9 \times 2}{2} - \frac{3}{2} \right) \times \left( 2 - \frac{2}{3} \right) = \frac{15}{2} \times \frac{4}{3} = 10$$

- 10 (a)
- $$\text{Let } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & a & 1 \\ \cos(nx) & \cos(n+1)x & \cos(n+2)x \\ \sin(nx) & \sin(n+1)x & \sin(n+2)x \end{vmatrix}$$
- Since,  $\cos(nx) + \cos(n+2)x = 2 \cos(n+1)x \cos x$
- and  $\sin(nx) + \sin(n+2)x = 2 \sin(n+1)x \cos x$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - 2 \cos x \cdot C_2 + C_3$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \Delta &= \begin{vmatrix} a^2 - 2a \cos x + 1 & a & 1 \\ 0 & \cos(n+1)x & \cos(n+2)x \\ 0 & \sin(n+1)x & \sin(n+2)x \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (a^2 - 2a \cos x + 1)[\cos(n+1)x \sin(n+2)x \\ &\quad - \cos(n+2)x \sin(n+1)x] \\ &= (a^2 - 2a \cos x + 1) \sin x \\ \therefore \Delta &\text{ is independent of } n. \end{aligned}$$

11 (b)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Given } \begin{vmatrix} x+1 & 2x+1 & 3x+1 \\ 2x & 4x+3 & 6x+3 \\ 4x+4 & 6x+4 & 8x+4 \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & x & 2x \\ 2x & 4x+3 & 6x+3 \\ 2x+2 & 3x+2 & 4x+2 \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\ [\text{Using } (R_1 \rightarrow 2R_1 - R_3)] & \\ \Rightarrow 2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & x & 0 \\ 2x & 4x+3 & -2x-3 \\ 2x+2 & 3x+2 & -2x-2 \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\ [\text{Using } (C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - 2C_2)] & \\ \Rightarrow -4x[2x^2 + 2x - (2x+3)(x+1)] &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow -4x[2x^2 + 2x - (2x^2 + 5x + 3)] &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 4x(3x+3) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow x+1 &= 0 \quad [\because x \neq 0 \text{ given}] \end{aligned}$$

13 (d)

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} a & b-y & c-z \\ a-x & b & c-z \\ a-x & b-y & c \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} a & b-y & c-z \\ -x & y & 0 \\ 0 & -y & z \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\ (\text{Using } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \text{ and } R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2) & \\ \Rightarrow a(yz) + x(bz - yz + cy - yz) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow ayz + bzx + cyx &= 2xyz \\ \Rightarrow \frac{a}{x} + \frac{b}{y} + \frac{c}{z} &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

14 (d)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have,} & \\ \begin{vmatrix} p & b & c \\ a & q & c \\ a & b & r \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} p & b & c \\ a-p & q-b & 0 \\ 0 & b-q & r-c \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\ [\text{Applying } R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2 & \\ \text{and } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1] & \\ \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} p & b & c \\ p-a & q-b & r-c \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{p}{p-a} + \frac{b}{q-b} + \frac{c}{r-c} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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

15 (b)

We have,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= \begin{vmatrix} a & a+b & a+2b \\ a+2b & a & a+b \\ a+b & a+2b & a \end{vmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \Delta &= \begin{vmatrix} 3a+3b & a+b & a+2b \\ 3a+3b & a & a+b \\ 3a+3b & a+2b & a \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{Applying } C_1 \rightarrow \\ & C_1 + C_2 + C_3 \\ \Rightarrow \Delta &= 3(a+b) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a+b & a+2b \\ 1 & a & a+b \\ 1 & a+2b & a \end{vmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \Delta &= 3(a+b) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a+b & a+2b \\ 0 & -b & -b \\ 0 & b & -2b \end{vmatrix} \\ \text{Applying } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 & \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1 & \\ \Rightarrow \Delta &= 3(a+b)(3b^2) = 9b^2(a+b) \end{aligned}$$

16 (a)

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 2 & \cos^2 \theta & 4 \sin 4 \theta \\ 2 & 1 + \cos^2 \theta & 4 \sin 4 \theta \\ 1 & \cos^2 \theta & 1 + 4 \sin 4 \theta \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 2 & \cos^2 \theta & 4 \sin 4 \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & \cos^2 \theta & 1 + 4 \sin 4 \theta \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\ [R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1] & \\ \Rightarrow (2 + 4 \sin 4 \theta) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \sin 4 \theta &= -\frac{1}{2} = -\sin \frac{\pi}{6} \\ \Rightarrow 4 \theta &= n\pi + (-1)^n \left(-\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  The value of  $\theta$  between 0 and  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  will be  $\frac{7\pi}{24}$  and  $\frac{11\pi}{24}$

17 (c)

We have,  $a_i^2 + b_i^2 + c_i^2 = 1$

and  $a_i a_j + b_i b_j + c_i c_j = 0$  for  $(i, j = 1, 2, 3)$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}^2 &= \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2 & a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2 & a_1 a_3 + b_1 b_3 + c_1 c_3 \\ a_2 a_1 + b_2 b_1 + c_2 c_1 & a_2^2 + b_2^2 + c_2^2 & a_2 a_3 + b_2 b_3 + c_2 c_3 \\ a_3 a_1 + b_3 b_1 + c_3 c_1 & a_3 a_2 + b_3 b_2 + c_3 c_2 & a_3^2 + b_3^2 + c_3^2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

18 (a)

We have,

$$\alpha = 2, \beta = 2\omega \text{ and } \gamma = 2\omega^2 \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta + \gamma = 0$$

Now,

$$\begin{vmatrix} \alpha & \beta & \gamma \\ \beta & \gamma & \alpha \\ \gamma & \alpha & \beta \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \alpha + \beta + \gamma & \beta & \gamma \\ \alpha + \beta + \gamma & \gamma & \alpha \\ \alpha + \beta + \gamma & \alpha & \beta \end{vmatrix} \text{ Applying } C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \beta & \gamma \\ 0 & \gamma & \alpha \\ 0 & \alpha & \beta \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad [\because \alpha + \beta + \gamma = 0]$$

19 (b)

Take  $a, b, c$  common from  $R_1, R_2, R_3$  respectively,

$$\therefore \Delta = abc \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{a} + 1 & \frac{1}{a} & \frac{1}{a} \\ \frac{1}{b} + 1 & \frac{1}{b} + 2 & \frac{1}{b} \\ \frac{1}{c} + 1 & \frac{1}{c} + 1 & \frac{1}{c} + 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3$

$$\Delta = abc \left( 3 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 + \frac{1}{b} & 2 + \frac{1}{b} & \frac{1}{b} \\ 1 + \frac{1}{c} & 1 + \frac{1}{c} & 3 + \frac{1}{c} \end{vmatrix}$$

Now, applying  $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_2$  and  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1$  and on expanding, we get

$$\Delta = 2abc \left[ 3 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right] = 0$$

$$\because a \neq 0, b \neq 0, c \neq 0$$

$$\therefore a^{-1} + b^{-1} + c^{-1} = -3$$

20 (c)

On expanding the given determinant, we obtain

$$2x^3 + 2x(ac - ab - bc) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$$

23 (b)

Given,  $A$  is a square matrix and  $AA^T = I = A^T A$

$$\Rightarrow |AA^T| = |I| = |A^T A|$$

$$\Rightarrow |A||A^T| = |I| = |A^T||A|$$

$$\Rightarrow |A|^2 = 1 \quad [\because |A^T| = |A|]$$

$$\Rightarrow |A| = \pm 1$$

25 (b)

We have,

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

$$\text{LHS} = (x+y+z) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ z+x & z & x \\ x+y & y & z \end{vmatrix} \quad (R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3)$$

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

$$= (x+y+z) \{1(z^2 - xy) - 1(xz - x^2) + 1(xy - xz)\}$$

$$= (x+y+z)(x^2 + z^2 - 2xz)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+y+z)(x-z)^2 = k(x+y+z)(x-z)^2$$

(given)

$$\Rightarrow k = 1$$

26 (b)

$$\det(2A) = 2^4 \det(A) = 16\det(A)$$

27 (c)

$$\because \det(M_r) = r^2 - (r-1)^2 = 2r - 1$$

$$\therefore \det(M_1) + \det(M_2) + \dots + \det(M_{2008})$$

$$= 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + 4015$$

$$= \frac{2008}{2} [2 + (2008 - 1)2]$$

$$= 2008(2008) = (2008)^2$$

28 (d)

Let  $A$  and  $R$  be the first term and common ratio respectively.

$$\therefore l = AR^{p-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \log l = \log A + (p-1) \log R$$

$$m = AR^{q-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \log m = \log A + (q-1) \log R$$

$$\text{and } n = AR^{r-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \log n = \log A + (r-1) \log R$$

$$\text{Now, } \begin{vmatrix} \log l & p & 1 \\ \log m & q & 1 \\ \log n & r & 1 \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \log A + (p-1) \log R & p & 1 \\ \log A + (q-1) \log R & q & 1 \\ \log A + (r-1) \log R & r & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

On multiplying  $R_1, R_2$  and  $R_3$  by  $(q-r), (r-p)$  and  $(p-q)$  and adding  $R_1 + R_2 + R_3$ , we get

$$= (q-r+r-p+p-q) \log A + \{(q-r)(p-1) + (r-p)(q-1) + (p-q)(r-1)\} \log R$$

$$= 0$$

29 (d)

Since, the given matrix is singular.

$$\therefore \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 10 & 3 \\ -2 & -4 & 6 \\ -1 & -2 & b \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5(-4b + 12) - 10(-2b + 6) + 3(4 - 4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -20b + 60 + 20b - 60 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0(b) = 0$$

$\therefore$  The given matrix is singular for any value of  $b$

31 (c)

$$\text{Given, } \begin{vmatrix} x^n & x^{n+2} & x^{n+3} \\ y^n & y^{n+2} & y^{n+3} \\ z^n & z^{n+2} & z^{n+3} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (y-z)(z-x)(x-y) \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right)$$

The degree of determinant

$$= n + (n+2) + (n+3) = 3n + 5$$

and the degree of RHS = 2

$$\therefore 3n + 5 = 2 \Rightarrow n = -1$$

32 (b)

$$\text{Since, } \begin{vmatrix} a & b & a\alpha + b \\ b & c & b\alpha + c \\ a\alpha + b & b\alpha + c & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - (\alpha R_1 + R_2)$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} a & b & a\alpha + b \\ b & c & b\alpha + c \\ 0 & 0 & -a\alpha^2 - 2b\alpha - c \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -(a\alpha^2 + 2b\alpha + c)(ac + b^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 = ac$$

Hence,  $a, b,$  and  $c$  are in GP.

33 (d)

The system of equations

$$kx + y + z = 1$$

$$x + ky + z = k$$

$$x + y + kz = k^2$$

Is inconsistent, if

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} k & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & k & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & k \end{vmatrix} = 0 \text{ and one of the } \Delta_1, \Delta_2, \Delta_3 \text{ is non-}$$

zero, where

$$\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ k & k & 1 \\ k^2 & 1 & k \end{vmatrix}, \Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} k & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & k & 1 \\ 1 & k^2 & k \end{vmatrix}, \Delta_3 =$$

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

$$\text{We have, } \Delta = (k+2)(k-1)^2, \Delta_1 = -(k+1)(k-1)^2$$

$$\Delta_2 = -k(k-1)^2, \Delta_3 = (k+1)^2(k-1)^2$$

Clearly, for  $k = -2$ , we have

$$\Delta = 0 \text{ and } \Delta_1, \Delta_2, \Delta_3 \text{ are non-zero. Therefore, } k = -2$$

34 (a)

We have,

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a & a+b & a+b+c \\ 3a & 4a+3b & 5a+4b+3c \\ 6a & 9a+6b & 11a+9b+6c \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_1, R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} a & a & a+b+c \\ 0 & a & 2a+b \\ 0 & a & a+b \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= a[a^2 + ab - 2a^2 - ab]$$

$$= -a^3 = i \quad (\because a = i, \text{ given})$$

35 (c)

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

The determinant can be written sum of  $2 \times 2 \times$

$2 = 8$  determinants of which 6 are reduces to zero because of their two rows are identical.

$$\therefore \text{LHS} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b \end{vmatrix}$$

36 (a)

$$\begin{vmatrix} \alpha & -\beta & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha & \beta \\ \beta & \alpha & x \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha^3 - \beta^3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^3 = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \text{ is one of the cube roots of unity.}$$

37 (a)

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

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} b & c & a\alpha + b \\ c & d & c\alpha + d \\ 0 & 0 & a\alpha^3 + b\alpha^2 + c\alpha + d \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (a\alpha^3 + b\alpha^2 + c\alpha + d)(bd - c^2)$$

$$\therefore \Delta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{either } b, c, d \text{ are in G.P. or } \alpha \text{ is a root of } ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$$

38 (a)

We have,

$$\begin{vmatrix} \cos C & \tan A & 0 \\ \sin B & 0 & -\tan A \\ 0 & \sin B & \cos C \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\cos^2 A} \begin{vmatrix} \cos C \cos A & \sin A & 0 \\ \sin B \cos A & 0 & -\sin A \\ 0 & \sin B & \cos C \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Applying } R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \cos A \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \cos A \end{array} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\cos A} \begin{vmatrix} \cos C & \sin A & 0 \\ \sin B & 0 & -\sin A \\ 0 & \sin B & \cos C \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\cos A} \{ \sin A \sin B \cos C - \sin A \sin B \cos C \}$$

$$= 0$$

39 (b)

Applying  $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1$ , we get

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 - 1 \\ \cos(p-d)a & \cos pa & 0 \\ \sin(p-d)a & \sin pa & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (\alpha^2 - 1) \{ -\cos pa \sin(p-d)a + \sin pa \cos(p-d)a \}$$

$$= (\alpha^2 - 1) \sin\{-(p-d)a + pa\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (\alpha^2 - 1) \sin da$$

Which is independent of  $p$ .

40 (c)

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

Applying  $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - \omega C_1$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} a & b\omega^2 & 0 \\ b\omega & c & 0 \\ c\omega^2 & a\omega & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 0$$

42 (b)

We have,  $\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} x & b & b \\ a & x & b \\ a & a & x \end{vmatrix} = x^3 - 3abx + ab^2 + a^2b$

$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} \Delta_1 = 3(x^2 - ab)$  and  $\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} x & b \\ a & x \end{vmatrix} = x^2 - ab$

$\therefore \frac{d}{dx} (\Delta_1) = 3(x^2 - ab) = 3\Delta_2$

43 (b)

Given  $f(\theta) = \begin{vmatrix} \cos^2 \theta & \cos \theta \sin \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \sin \theta & \sin^2 \theta & \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta & 0 \end{vmatrix}$

$= \cos^2 \theta (0 + \cos^2 \theta) - \cos \theta \sin \theta (0 - \sin \theta \cos \theta) - \sin \theta (-\cos^2 \theta \sin \theta - \sin^3 \theta)$

$= \cos^4 \theta + 2 \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta + \sin^4 \theta$

$= \cos^4 \theta + \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta$

$= \cos^2 \theta (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) + \sin^2 \theta = 1$

$\therefore$  For all,  $\theta, f(\theta) = 1$

44 (d)

Given that  $C = 2 \cos \theta$

and  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} C & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & C & 1 \\ 6 & 1 & C \end{vmatrix} = C(C^2 - 1) - 1(C - 6)$

$\Delta = 2 \cos \theta (4 \cos^2 \theta - 1) - (2 \cos \theta - 6)$  ( $\because C = 2 \cos \theta$ )

$\Rightarrow \Delta = 8 \cos^3 \theta - 4 \cos \theta + 6$

45 (d)

We have,

$f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} \sin x & \cos x & \tan x \\ x^3 & x^2 & x \\ 2x & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{f(x)}{x} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\sin x}{x} & \cos x & \tan x \\ x^2 & x^2 & x^2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{f(x)}{x^2} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\sin x}{x} & \cos x & \tan x \\ x & x & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x^2} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1(1 - 2) = 1$

46 (a)

$\begin{vmatrix} [e] & [\pi] & [\pi^2 - 6] \\ [\pi] & [\pi^2 - 6] & [e] \\ [\pi^2 - 6] & [e] & [\pi] \end{vmatrix}$

$= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$

$= 2(9 - 4) - 3(9 - 6) + 3(6 - 9)$

$= 10 - 9 - 9 = -8$

47 (b)

$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 17 \\ 0 & -10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 34 \end{bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow |AB| = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 34 \end{vmatrix} = 100$

48 (c)

Given that,

$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 3 & 9 & 13 \end{vmatrix}$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + 2R_3$

$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 7 & 20 & 29 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 3 & 9 & 13 \end{vmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \Delta = \Delta'$

49 (d)

$\begin{vmatrix} 2xy & x^2 & y^2 \\ x^2 & y^2 & 2xy \\ y^2 & 2xy & x^2 \end{vmatrix}$

$= 2xy(x^2y^2 - 4x^2y^2)$

$- x^2(x^4 - 2xy^3) + y^2(2x^3y - y^4)$

$= -6x^3y^3 - x^6 + 2x^3y^3 + 2x^3y^3 - y^6$

$= -(x^6 + y^6 + 2x^3y^3)$

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

50 (a)

We have,

$\Delta = abc \left( 1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)$

$\therefore \Delta = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} = -1$

51 (c)

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

On multiplying  $R_1, R_2, R_3$  by  $a, b, c$  respectively and divide the whole by  $abc$

$= \frac{1}{abc} \begin{vmatrix} ab^2c^2 & abc & a(b+c) \\ bc^2a^2 & bca & b(c+a) \\ a^2b^2c & abc & c(a+b) \end{vmatrix}$

On taking common  $abc$  from  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , we get

$= \frac{(abc)(abc)}{abc} \begin{vmatrix} bc & 1 & ab+ac \\ ca & 1 & bc+ab \\ ab & 1 & ca+bc \end{vmatrix}$

Now,  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_3$

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

$= (abc)(ab+bc+ca) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & ab+ac \\ 1 & 1 & bc+ab \\ 1 & 1 & ca+bc \end{vmatrix}$

$= 0$  [ $\because$  two columns are identical]

52 (b)

We have,  $\begin{vmatrix} 1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+c \end{vmatrix} = \lambda$

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

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1+a & -a & -a \\ 1 & b & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & c \end{vmatrix} = \lambda$$

On expanding w.r.t.  $R_3$ , we get

$$ab + bc + ca + abc = \lambda \dots(i)$$

$$\text{Given } a^{-1} + b^{-1} + c^{-1} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow ab + bc + ca = 0$$

From Eq. (i),  $\lambda = abc$

53 (c)

We have,

$$\begin{vmatrix} x+1 & x+2 & x+a \\ x+2 & x+3 & x+b \\ x+3 & x+4 & x+c \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} x+1 & x+2 & x+a \\ 2x+4 & 2x+6 & 2x+2b \\ x+2 & x+4 & x+c \end{vmatrix} \quad [\text{Applying } R_2 \rightarrow$$

$2R_2]$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} x+1 & x+2 & x+a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ x+2 & x+4 & x+c \end{vmatrix} \quad [\text{Applying } R_2 - (R_1 +$$

$R_3)]$

$$= 0$$

54 (b)

$$\begin{vmatrix} a-b & b-c & c-a \\ x-y & y-z & z-x \\ p-q & p-r & r-p \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b-c & c-a \\ 0 & y-z & z-x \\ 0 & q-r & r-p \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

( $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$ )

55 (c)

$$\begin{vmatrix} a-b+c & -a-b+c & 1 \\ a+b+2c & -a+b+2c & 2 \\ 3c & 3c & 3 \\ 2a & -2a & 0 \\ a+b+2c & -a+b+2c & 2 \\ 3c & 3c & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

[using  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 - R_3]$

$$= 2a(-3a + 3b + 6c - 6c) + 2a(3a + 3b + 6c - 6c)$$

$$= 12ab$$

56 (a)

Ratio of cofactor to its minor of the element  $-3$ , which is in the 3rd row and 2nd column =

$$(-1)^{3+2} = -1$$

57 (d)

We have,

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

$$\Rightarrow \Delta$$

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

[Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3]$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = x[(x+\omega^2-\omega)(x+\omega-\omega^2) - (1-\omega)(1-\omega^2)]$$

$$\therefore \Delta = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$$

59 (d)

Applying  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1$  and  $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1$  to the given determinant and expanding it along first row, we get

$$\Rightarrow (\sin B - \sin A)(\sin C - \sin A)$$

$$\times \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 + \sin B + \sin A & 1 + \sin C + \sin A \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sin B - \sin A)(\sin C - \sin A)(\sin C - \sin B) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin B = \sin A \text{ or } \sin C = \sin A \text{ or } \sin C = \sin B$$

$$\Rightarrow A = B \text{ or } B = C \text{ or } C = A$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta ABC \text{ is isosceles}$$

60 (c)

$$\text{We have, } D_r = \begin{vmatrix} 2^{r-1} & 3^{r-1} & 4^{r-1} \\ x & y & z \\ 2^n - 1 & (3^n - 1)/2 & (4^n - 1)/3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^n D_r = \begin{vmatrix} \sum_{r=1}^n 2^{r-1} & \sum_{r=1}^n 3^{r-1} & \sum_{r=1}^n 4^{r-1} \\ x & y & z \\ 2^n - 1 & (3^n - 1)/2 & (4^n - 1)/3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^n D_r = \begin{vmatrix} 2^n - 1 & (3^n - 1)/2 & (4^n - 1)/3 \\ x & y & z \\ 2^n - 1 & (3^n - 1)/2 & (4^n - 1)/3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^n D_r = 0 \quad (\because \text{two rows are same})$$

61 (b)

We have,

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 + \sin A & 1 + \sin B & 1 + \sin C \\ \sin A + \sin^2 A & \sin B + \sin^2 B & \sin C + \sin^2 C \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \sin A & \sin B & \sin C \\ \sin A + \sin^2 A & \sin B + \sin^2 B & \sin C + \sin^2 C \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \sin A & \sin B & \sin C \\ \sin^2 A & \sin^2 B & \sin^2 C \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{Applying } R_3 \rightarrow$$

$R_3 - R_2$

$$\Rightarrow (\sin A - \sin B)(\sin B - \sin C)(\sin C - \sin A) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin A = \sin B \text{ or } \sin B = \sin C \text{ or } \sin C = \sin A$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta ABC \text{ is isosceles}$$

62 (c)



We have,

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \sin \theta & 1 \\ -\sin \theta & 1 & \sin \theta \\ -1 & -\sin \theta & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ = 2(1 + \sin^2 \theta)$$

Now,

$$0 \leq \sin^2 \theta \leq 1 \text{ for all } \theta \in [0, 2\pi) \\ \Rightarrow 2 \leq 2 + 2 \sin^2 \theta \leq 4 \text{ for all } \theta \in [0, 2\pi) \\ \Rightarrow \det(A) \in [2, 4]$$

63 (d)

$$\text{Let } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & \pi \\ \log_e e & 5 & \sqrt{5} \\ \log_{10} 10 & 5 & e \end{vmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & \pi \\ 1 & 5 & \sqrt{5} \\ 1 & 5 & e \end{vmatrix} = 5 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & \pi \\ 1 & 1 & \sqrt{5} \\ 1 & 1 & e \end{vmatrix} \quad (\because \log_a a = 1) \\ = 0 \quad (\because \text{two columns are identical})$$

64 (a)

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$ , we get

$$f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 + a^2x + x + xb^2 + x + c^2x & (1 + b^2)x & (1 + c^2)x \\ x + a^2x + 1 + b^2x + x + c^2x & (1 + b^2)x & (1 + c^2)x \\ x + a^2x + x + b^2x + 1 + c^2x & (1 + b^2)x & (1 + c^2)x \end{vmatrix} \\ = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & (1 + b^2)x & (1 + c^2)x \\ 1 & 1 + b^2x & (1 + c^2)x \\ 1 & (1 + b^2)x & 1 + c^2x \end{vmatrix} \\ [\because a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2 = 0]$$

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

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

$\Rightarrow f(x)$  is a polynomial of degree 2

65 (c)

Since system of equations is consistent.

$$\therefore \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & -c \\ -b & 3b & -c \end{vmatrix} = 0 \\ \Rightarrow c + bc - 6b + b + 2c + 3bc = 0 \\ \Rightarrow 3c + 4bc - 5b = 0 \\ \Rightarrow c = \frac{5b}{3 + 4b}$$

$$\text{But } c < 1 \Rightarrow \frac{5b}{3 + 4b} < 1 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{b - 3}{3 + 4b} < 0 \\ \Rightarrow b \in \left(-\frac{3}{4}, 3\right)$$

66 (a)

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

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 \\ (2^x - 2^{-x})^2 & (3^x - 3^{-x})^2 & (5^x - 5^{-x})^2 \end{vmatrix} \\ = 4 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ (2^x - 2^{-x})^2 & (3^x - 3^{-x})^2 & (5^x - 5^{-x})^2 \end{vmatrix} \\ = 4 \times 0 = 0 \quad [\because \text{two rows are identical}]$$

67 (b)

We have,

$$AA^{-1} = I \\ \Rightarrow \det(AA^{-1}) = \det(I) \\ \Rightarrow \det(A) \det(A^{-1}) = 1 \\ [\because \det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B) \\ \text{and, } \det(I) = 1] \\ \Rightarrow \det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}$$

68 (b)

We have,

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 + ax & 1 + bx & 1 + cx \\ 1 + a_1x & 1 + b_1x & 1 + c_1x \\ 1 + a_2x & 1 + b_2x & 1 + c_2x \end{vmatrix} \\ = \begin{vmatrix} 1 + ax & (b - a)x & (c - a)x \\ 1 + a_1x & (b_1 - a_1)x & (c_1 - a_1)x \\ 1 + a_2x & (b_2 - a_2)x & (c_2 - a_2)x \end{vmatrix} \\ \text{Applying } C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1 \text{ and } C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1 \\ = x^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 + ax & b - a & c - a \\ 1 + a_1x & b_1 - a_1 & c_1 - a_1 \\ 1 + a_2x & b_2 - a_2 & c_2 - a_2 \end{vmatrix} \\ = x^2 [(1 + ax)\{(b_1 - a_1)(c_2 - a_2) \\ - (b_2 - a_2)(c_1 - a_1)\} \\ - (1 + a_1x)\{(b - a)(c_2 - a_2) \\ - (c - a)(b_2 - a_2)\} \\ + (1 + a_2x)\{(b - a)(c_1 - a_1) \\ - (c - a)(b_1 - a_1)\}] \\ = x^2(\lambda x + \mu), \text{ where } \lambda \text{ and } \mu \text{ are constants} \\ = \mu x^2 + \lambda x^3$$

Hence,  $A_0 = A_1 = 0$

69 (b)

$$f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} a & -1 & 0 \\ ax & a & -1 \\ ax^2 & ax & a \end{vmatrix} \\ \text{Applying } R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - xR_2 \\ f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} a & -1 & 0 \\ ax & a & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & a + x \end{vmatrix} = (a + x)(a^2 + ax) \\ \Rightarrow f(x) = a(a + x)^2 \\ \therefore f(2x) = a(a + 2x)^2 \\ \Rightarrow f(2x) - f(x) = ax(2a + 3x)$$

70 (c)

$$\begin{vmatrix} -12 & 0 & \lambda \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 15 \end{vmatrix} = -360 \\ \Rightarrow -12(30 + 1) - 4\lambda = -360$$

$$\Rightarrow -372 + 360 = 4\lambda \Rightarrow \lambda = -\frac{12}{4} = -3$$

71 (c)

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ \omega & \omega^2 & 1 \\ \omega^2 & 1 & \omega \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 + \omega + \omega^2 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ 1 + \omega + \omega^2 & \omega^2 & 1 \\ 1 + \omega + \omega^2 & 1 & \omega \end{vmatrix}$$

$$[C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3]$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ 0 & \omega^2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \omega \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad [\because 1 + \omega + \omega^2 = 0]$$

72 (b)

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2$ , we get

$$\begin{vmatrix} {}^{10}C_4 + {}^{10}C_5 & {}^{10}C_5 & {}^{11}C_m \\ {}^{11}C_6 + {}^{11}C_7 & {}^{11}C_7 & {}^{12}C_{m+2} \\ {}^{12}C_8 + {}^{12}C_9 & {}^{12}C_9 & {}^{13}C_{m+4} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} {}^{11}C_5 & {}^{10}C_5 & {}^{11}C_m \\ {}^{12}C_7 & {}^{11}C_7 & {}^{12}C_{m+2} \\ {}^{13}C_9 & {}^{12}C_9 & {}^{13}C_{m+4} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

It means either two rows or two columns are identical.

$$\therefore {}^{11}C_5 = {}^{11}C_m, {}^{12}C_7 = {}^{12}C_{m+2}, {}^{13}C_9 = {}^{13}C_{m+4}$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 5$$

73 (b)

$$\text{Given, } \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 5 & -6 & x \end{vmatrix} = 29$$

$$\Rightarrow 1(0 + 18) - 1(2x - 15) = 29$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = 4 \Rightarrow x = 2$$

74 (a)

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2$ , we get

$$\begin{vmatrix} \sin^2 x & \cos^2 x & 1 \\ \cos^2 x & \sin^2 x & 1 \\ -10 & 12 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \cos^2 x & 1 \\ 1 & \sin^2 x & 1 \\ 2 & 12 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

75 (b)

$$\text{Since, } |A| = -1, |B| = 3$$

$$\therefore |AB| = |A||B| = -3$$

$$\text{Now, } |3AB| = (3)^3(-3) = -81$$

77 (d)

Applying  $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - \alpha C_1 + C_2$  to the given determinant, we get

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

So, if the determinant is zero, we must have

$$(1 - 2\alpha)(ac - b^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - 2\alpha = 0$$

$$\text{or } (ac - b^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } ac = b^2$$

Which means  $a, b, c$  are in GP.

78 (a)

$$\text{We have, } \begin{vmatrix} x & 3 & 7 \\ 2 & x & 2 \\ 7 & 6 & x \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 9) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & x & 2 \\ 7 & 6 & x \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 9)\{1(x^2 - 12) - 1(2x - 14) + 1(12 - 7x)\} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 9)(x^2 - 9x + 14) = 0$$

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

$\therefore$  The other two roots are 2 and 7.

79 (a)

$$\text{Let } A \equiv \begin{vmatrix} a - x & c & b \\ c & b - x & a \\ b & a & c - x \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow (a + b + c - x)[1\{(b - x)(c - x) - a^2\} - c(c - x - a) + b(a - b + x)] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + b + c - x)[bc - bx - cx + x^2 - a^2 - c^2 + xc + ac + ab - b^2 + bx] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + b + c - x)[x^2 - (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + ab + bc + ca] = 0$$

$$\because ab + bc + ca = 0 \text{ (given)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{either } x = a + b + c \text{ or } x = (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^{1/2}$$

80 (b)

We have,

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

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} x + 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x + 1 & x - 1 & 1 \\ x + 1 & 1 & x - 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad [\text{Applying } C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3]$$

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

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

$$[\text{Applying } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1, R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1]$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x = -1, 2$$

81 (c)

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1^3 & 2^3 & 3^3 \\ 1^5 & 2^5 & 3^5 \end{vmatrix} = 1.2.3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1^2 & 2^2 & 3^2 \\ 1^4 & 2^4 & 3^4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 6 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 \\ 1 & 16 & 81 \end{vmatrix} = 6 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 15 & 65 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$[C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1, C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_2]$$

$$= 6.3.5 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 & 13 \end{vmatrix} = 90[1(13 - 5)] = 720 = 6!$$

82 (c)

$$\because |A^3| = |A|^3 = 125$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \alpha & 2 \\ 2 & \alpha \end{vmatrix} = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 - 4 = 5 \Rightarrow \alpha = \pm 3$$

84 (b)

Given, angles of a triangle are  $A, B$  and  $C$ . We know that  $A + B + C = \pi$ , therefore

$$A + B = \pi - C$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(A + B) = \cos(\pi - C) = -\cos C$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos A \cos B - \sin A \sin B = -\cos C$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos A \cos B + \cos C = \sin A \sin B \dots(i)$$

$$\text{Let } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & \cos C & \cos B \\ \cos C & -1 & \cos A \\ \cos B & \cos A & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -(1 - \cos^2 A)$$

$$+ \cos C(\cos C$$

$$+ \cos A \cos B)$$

$$+ \cos B(\cos B + \cos A \cos C)$$

$$= -\sin^2 A + \cos C(\sin A \sin B) +$$

$$\cos B(\sin A \sin C) \text{ [from Eq.(i)]}$$

$$= -\sin^2 A + \sin A(\sin B \cos C + \cos B \sin C)$$

$$= -\sin^2 A + \sin A \sin(B + C)$$

$$= -\sin^2 A + \sin^2 A = 0 \quad [\because \sin(B + C) =$$

$$\sin(\pi - A) = \sin A]$$

85 (a)

We have,

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a^2 + x & ab & ac \\ ab & b^3 + x & bc \\ ac & bc & c^2 + x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \frac{1}{abc} \begin{vmatrix} a^3 + ax & a^2b & a^2c \\ ab^2 & b^3 + bx & b^2c \\ ac^2 & bc^2 & c^3 + cx \end{vmatrix}$$

$$[\text{Applying } C_1(a),$$

$$C_2(b), C_3(c)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a^2 + x & a^2 & a^2 \\ b^2 & b^2 + x & b^2 \\ c^2 & c^2 & c^2 + x \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$[\text{Applying } R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3]$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + x) \{ (b^2x + c^2x + x^2)$$

$$- (b^2x) + (-c^2x) \}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = x^2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + x)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \text{ is a factor } \Delta$$

86 (a)

$$\text{Given that, } \begin{vmatrix} x+1 & x+2 & x+3 \\ x+2 & x+3 & x+4 \\ x+a & x+b & x+c \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -1 & x+3 \\ -1 & -1 & x+4 \\ a-b & b-c & x+c \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \begin{matrix} (C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2) \\ (C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_3) \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & x+4 \\ a-b & b-c & x+c \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (-1)(-b + c + a - b) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2b - a - c = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a + c = 2b$$

$$\therefore a, b, c \text{ in AP.}$$

87 (b)

$$\text{Given, } A = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ x & 1 & 0 \\ x & x & 1 \end{vmatrix} \Rightarrow A = 1$$

$$\therefore A^3 - 4A^2 + 3A + I = (1)^3 - 4(1)^2 + 3(1) + I = I$$

88 (a)

$$\text{Let } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & y \\ 2 & \sin x + 2x & \sin y + 3y \\ 3 & \cos x + 3x & \cos y + 3y \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & y \\ 0 & \sin x & \sin y \\ 0 & \cos x & \cos y \end{vmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} (R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1) \\ (R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1) \end{matrix}$$

$$= \sin x \cos y - \cos x \sin y = \sin(x - y)$$

89 (d)

$$\text{We have, } \Delta = \frac{1}{abc} \begin{vmatrix} a^3 + ax & a^2b & a^2c \\ ab^2 & b^3 + bx & b^2c \\ c^2a & c^2b & c^2 + xc \end{vmatrix}$$

Taking  $a, b, c$  common in columns Ist, IInd and IIIrd, we get,

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

$$\text{Applying } R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3$$

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

$$\text{Applying } C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1, C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1$$

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

$$= x(x - b^2)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + x)$$

Hence, option (d) is correct.

90 (a)

$$\text{Given, } \begin{vmatrix} bc & ca & ab \\ ca & ab & bc \\ ab & bc & ca \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (ab)^3 + (bc)^3 + (ca)^3 - 3a^2b^2c^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (ab + bc + ca)(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 - ab^2c$$

$$- bc^2a - ca^2b) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow ab + bc + ca = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} = 0$$

91 (c)

Given,  $f(x) =$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2(x-1) & 3(x-1)(x-2) \\ x-1 & (x-1)(x-2) & (x-1)(x-2)(x-3) \\ x & x(x-1) & x(x-1)(x-2) \end{vmatrix}$$

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

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

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

$$= (x-1)^2(x-2)x(-1+1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = 0$$

$$\therefore f(49) = 0$$

92 (b)

Given that,  $\begin{vmatrix} 1+ax & 1+bx & 1+cx \\ 1+a_1x & 1+b_1x & 1+c_1x \\ 1+a_2x & 1+b_2x & 1+c_2x \end{vmatrix}$

$$= A_0 + A_1x + A_2x^2 + A_3x^3$$

On putting  $x = 0$  on both sides, we get

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = A_0$$

$$\Rightarrow A_0 = 0$$

94 (d)

We have,

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

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \cos(\beta - \alpha) & \cos(\gamma - \alpha) \\ \cos(\alpha - \beta) & 1 & \cos(\gamma - \beta) \\ \cos(\alpha - \gamma) & \cos(\beta - \gamma) & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \cos(\beta - \alpha) & \cos(\gamma - \alpha) \\ \cos(\alpha + \beta) & 1 & \cos(\gamma - \beta) \\ \cos(\alpha - \gamma) & \cos(\beta - \gamma) & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

95 (a)

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

$$\Rightarrow x(x^2 - 12) - 3(2x - 14) + 7(12 - 7x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 - 67x + 126 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+9)(x^2 - 9x + 14) = 0$$

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

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

Hence, the other two roots are 2, 7

96 (c)

From the sine rule, we have

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c} = k(\text{say}),$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin A = ak, \sin B = bk \text{ and } \sin C = ck$$

$$\therefore \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & b \sin A & c \sin A \\ b \sin A & 1 & \cos(B-C) \\ c \sin A & \cos(B-C) & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & abk & ack \\ abk & 1 & \cos(B-C) \\ ack & \cos(B-C) & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= a^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \sin B & \sin C \\ \sin B & 1 & \cos(B-C) \\ \sin C & \cos(B-C) & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= a^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \sin(A+C) & \sin(A+B) \\ \sin(A+C) & 1 & \cos(B-C) \\ \sin(A+B) & \cos(B-C) & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= a^2 \begin{vmatrix} \sin A & \cos A & 0 \\ \cos C & \sin C & 0 \\ \cos B & \sin B & 0 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} \sin A & \cos A & 0 \\ \cos C & \sin C & 0 \\ \cos B & \sin B & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= a^2 \times 0 = 0$$

97 (b)

Given,  $D = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+x & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+y \end{vmatrix}$

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

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

Hence,  $D$  is divisible by both  $x$  and  $y$ .

98 (a)

Taking  $x$  common from  $R_2$  and  $x(x-1)$  common from  $R_3$ , we get

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

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

$$= x^2(x^2-1) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \begin{matrix} [R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1] \\ [R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1] \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = x^2(x^2-1)(-2+2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x$$

$$\therefore f(11) = 0$$

99 (b)

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

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 & 20 \\ 0 & -6 & -15 \\ 0 & 2x-4 & 5x^2-20 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1[-6(5x^2-20) + 15(2x-4)] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - x - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-2)(x+1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1, 2$$

100 (b)

We have,

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3x-8 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 3x-8 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 3x-8 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 3x-2 & 3 & 3 \\ 3x-2 & 3x-8 & 3 \\ 3x-2 & 3 & 3x-8 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{Applying } C_1 \rightarrow$$

$$C_1 + C_2 + C_3$$

$$\Rightarrow (3x-2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 3x-8 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 3x-8 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3x-2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 3x-11 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3x-11 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\text{Applying } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1,$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$$

$$\Rightarrow (3x-2)(3x-11)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2/3, 11/3$$

101 (a)

We have,

$$\begin{vmatrix} \alpha & x & x & x \\ x & \beta & x & x \\ x & x & \gamma & x \\ x & x & x & \delta \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \alpha & x-\alpha & x-\alpha & x-\alpha \\ x-(x-\beta) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ x & 0 & -(x-\gamma) & 0 \\ x & 0 & 0 & -(x-\delta) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \alpha \begin{vmatrix} -(x-\beta) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -(x-\gamma) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(x-\delta) \end{vmatrix} - x \begin{vmatrix} x-\alpha & x-\alpha & x-\alpha \\ 0 & -(x-\gamma) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(x-\delta) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$+ x \begin{vmatrix} x-\alpha & x-\alpha & x-\alpha \\ -(x-\beta) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(x-\delta) \end{vmatrix} - x \begin{vmatrix} x-\alpha & x-\alpha & x-\alpha \\ -(x-\beta) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -(x-\gamma) & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -\alpha(x-\beta)(x-\gamma)(x-\delta) - (x-\alpha)(x-\gamma)(x-\delta)$$

$$-x(x-\alpha)(x-\beta)(x-\delta) - x(x-\alpha)(x-\beta)(x-\gamma)$$

$$= -\alpha(x-\beta)(x-\gamma)(x-\delta) + x(x-\beta)(x-\gamma)(x-\delta)$$

$$-x(x-\beta)(x-\gamma)(x-\delta) - x(x-\alpha)(x-\gamma)(x-\delta)$$

$$-x(x-\alpha)(x-\beta)(x-\delta) - x(x-\alpha)(x-\beta)(x-\gamma)$$

$$= (x-\beta)(x-\gamma)(x-\delta)(x-\alpha)$$

$$-x[(x-\alpha)(x-\beta)(x-\gamma)$$

$$+ (x-\beta)(x-\gamma)(x-\delta)$$

$$+ (x-\gamma)(x-\delta)(x-\alpha) + (x-\alpha)(x-\beta)(x-\delta)]$$

$$= f(x) - xf'(x), \text{ where, } f(x) = (x-\alpha)(x-\beta)(x-\gamma)(x-\delta)$$

102 (b)

$$\text{Given } \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 1 & c & a \\ 1 & b & c \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c^2 - ab - a(c-a) + b(b-c) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} [(a-b)^2 + (b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = b = c$$

So,  $\Delta ABC$  is equilateral triangle.

$$\therefore \angle A = 60^\circ, \angle B = 60^\circ, \angle C = 60^\circ$$

$$\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B + \sin^2 C$$

$$= \sin^2 60^\circ + \sin^2 60^\circ + \sin^2 60^\circ$$

$$= \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2$$

$$= 3 \times \frac{3}{4} = \frac{9}{4}$$

104 (a)

$$\text{Given that, } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \omega^n & \omega^{2n} \\ \omega^{2n} & 1 & \omega^n \\ \omega^n & \omega^{2n} & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{Applying } C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 + \omega^n + \omega^{2n} & \omega^n & \omega^{2n} \\ 1 + \omega^n + \omega^{2n} & 1 & \omega^n \\ 1 + \omega^n + \omega^{2n} & \omega^{2n} & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \omega^n & \omega^{2n} \\ 0 & 1 & \omega^n \\ 0 & \omega^{2n} & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$(\because \text{If } n \text{ multiple of } 3, \text{ then } 1 + \omega^n + \omega^{2n} = 0)$$

$$= 0$$

105 (b)

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & 3 & 6 \\ 3 & 6 & x \\ 6 & x & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & x & 7 \\ x & 7 & 2 \\ 7 & 2 & x \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 & x \\ 5 & x & 4 \\ x & 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} x+9 & x+9 & x+9 \\ 3 & 6 & x \\ 6 & x & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 9+x & 9+x & 9+x \\ 5 & x & 4 \\ x & 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+9) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & x-3 \\ 6 & x-6 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (9+x) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ x & 7-x & 2-x \\ 7 & -5 & x-7 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (9+x) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & x-5 & -1 \\ x & 4-x & 5-x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x+9 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -9$$

106 (b)

The given system of equations will have a unique solution, if

$$\begin{vmatrix} k & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & k-1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & k+2 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0 \Rightarrow k(k-1)(k+2) \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k \neq 0, 1, -2$$

108 (d)

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow a(yz) + x(bz - yz + cy - yz) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow ayz + bzx + cyx = 2xyz$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{x} + \frac{b}{y} + \frac{c}{z} = 2$$

109 (a)

Given,

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \cos(\alpha - \beta) & \cos \alpha \\ \cos(\alpha - \beta) & 1 & \cos \beta \\ \cos \alpha & \cos \beta & 1 \end{vmatrix} \text{ is symmetric}$$

determinant.

$\therefore$  Its value is

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 + 2 \cos(\alpha - \beta) \cos \alpha \cos \beta \\ & - \cos^2 \alpha - \cos^2 \beta - \cos^2(\alpha - \beta) \\ & = 1 - \cos^2 \alpha - \cos^2 \beta - \cos(\alpha - \beta) \\ & [\cos(\alpha - \beta) - 2 \cos \alpha \cos \beta] \\ & = 1 - \cos^2 \alpha - \cos^2 \beta - \cos(\alpha - \beta) \\ & [\cos(\alpha - \beta) - \cos(\alpha + \beta) - \cos(\alpha - \beta)] \\ & = 1 - \cos^2 \alpha - \cos^2 \beta + \cos(\alpha - \beta) \cos(\alpha + \beta) \\ & = 1 - \cos^2 \alpha - \cos^2 \beta \\ & \quad + \cos^2 \alpha \cos^2 \beta - \sin^2 \alpha \sin^2 \beta \\ & = 1 - \cos^2 \alpha - \cos^2 \beta (1 - \cos^2 \alpha) - \sin^2 \alpha \sin^2 \beta \\ & = (1 - \cos^2 \alpha)(1 - \cos^2 \beta) - \sin^2 \alpha \sin^2 \beta \\ & = \sin^2 \alpha \sin^2 \beta - \sin^2 \alpha \sin^2 \beta = 0 \end{aligned}$$

110 (d)

We have,

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 2 \sin A \cos A & \sin C & \sin B \\ \sin C & 2 \sin B \cos B & \sin A \\ \sin B & \sin A & 2 \sin C \cos C \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 2ka \cos A & kc & kb \\ kc & 2kb \cos B & ka \\ kb & ka & 2kc \cos C \end{vmatrix} \text{ [Using:}$$

Sine rule]

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = k^3 \begin{vmatrix} 2a \cos A & c & b \\ c & 2b \cos B & a \\ b & a & 2c \cos C \end{vmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow \Delta$

$$= k^3 \begin{vmatrix} a \cos A + a \cos A & a \cos B + b \cos A & c \cos A \\ a \cos B + b \cos A & b \cos B + b \cos B & b \cos C \\ c \cos A + a \cos C & b \cos C + c \cos B & c \cos C \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = k^3 \begin{vmatrix} \cos A & a & 0 \\ \cos B & b & 0 \\ \cos C & c & 0 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} a & \cos A & 0 \\ b & \cos B & 0 \\ c & \cos C & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = k^3 \times 0 \times 0 = 0$$

111 (d)

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3$  and taking common  $(a + b + c)$  from  $R_1$ , we get

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

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

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

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

$$= (a + b + c)^3$$

112 (b)

We know that

$$|AB| = |A||B|$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |AB| = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |A||B| = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{either } |A| = 0 \text{ or } |B| = 0$$

113 (a)

The given system of equations will have a unique solution, if

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & k \end{vmatrix} \neq 0 \Rightarrow k \neq 0$$

114 (a)

$\therefore a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are in GP.

$\Rightarrow a_n, a_n + 2, a_{n+4}, \dots$  are also in GP.

$$\text{Now, } (a_{n+2})^2 = a_n \cdot a_{n+4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \log(a_{n+2}) = \log a_n + \log a_{n+4}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } 2 \log(a_{n+8}) = \log a_{n+6} + \log a_{n+10}$$

$$\text{Now, } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \log a_n & \log a_{n+2} & \log a_{n+4} \\ \log a_{n+6} & \log a_{n+8} & \log a_{n+10} \\ \log a_{n+12} & \log a_{n+14} & \log a_{n+16} \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $C_2 \rightarrow 2C_2 - C_1 - C_3$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \log a_n & 2 \log a_{n+2} - \log a_n - \log a_{n+4} \\ \log a_{n+6} & 2 \log a_{n+8} - \log a_{n+6} - \log a_{n+10} \\ \log a_{n+12} & 2 \log a_{n+14} - \log a_{n+12} - \log a_{n+16} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \log a_n & 0 & \log a_{n+4} \\ \log a_{n+6} & 0 & \log a_{n+10} \\ \log a_{n+12} & 0 & \log a_{n+16} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

116 (a)

We have,

$$\text{Coefficient of } x \text{ in } \begin{vmatrix} x & (1 + \sin x)^3 & \cos x \\ 1 & \log(1 + x) & 2 \\ x^2 & (1 + x)^2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

= coefficient of  $x$  in

$$= \begin{vmatrix} x & \left(1 + x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots\right)^3 & 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots \\ 1 & x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} \dots & 2 \\ x^2 & 1 + 2x + x^2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \text{Coefficient of } x \text{ in } \begin{vmatrix} x & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & x & 2 \\ x^2 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \text{Coefficient of } x \text{ in } [x(0-2) - (0-2x^2) + (1-x^3)] = -2$$

119 (d)

On putting  $x = 0$  in the given equation, we get

$$g = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 9$$

On differentiating given equation and then put  $x = 0$ , we get

$$f = -5$$

120 (a)

$$\text{In } \Delta ABC, \text{ given } \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 1 & c & a \\ 1 & b & c \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1(c^2 - ab) - a(c - a) + b(b - c) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a^2 + 2b^2 + 2c^2 - 2ab - 2bc - 2ca = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^2 + b^2 - 2ab) + (b^2 + c^2 - 2bc) + (c^2 + a^2 - 2ca) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2 = 0$$

Here, sum of squares of three numbers can be zero, if and only, if  $a = b = c$ .

$\Rightarrow \Delta ABC$  is an equilateral triangle.

$\Rightarrow \angle A = \angle B = \angle C = 60^\circ$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \sin^2 A + \sin^2 B + \sin^2 C &= \sin^2 60^\circ + \sin^2 60^\circ + \sin^2 60^\circ \\ &= \left(\frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{4}\right) = \frac{9}{4} \end{aligned}$$

122 (d)

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(-x) &= \begin{vmatrix} f(-x) + f(x) & 0 & x^4 \\ 3 & f(-x) - f(x) & \cos x \\ x^4 & -2x & f(-x)f(x) \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} f(x) + f(-x) & 0 & x^4 \\ 3 & f(x) - f(-x) & \cos x \\ x^4 & -2x & f(x)f(-x) \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -\Delta(x) \end{aligned}$$

So,  $\Delta(x)$  is an odd function.

$\Rightarrow x^4 \Delta(x)$  is an odd function

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-2}^2 x^4 \Delta(x) dx = 0$$

123 (c)

$$\begin{vmatrix} \cos(x-a) & \cos(x+a) & \cos x \\ \sin(x+a) & \sin(x-a) & \sin x \\ \cos a \tan x & \cos a \cot x & \operatorname{cosec} 2x \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \cos(x-a) + \cos(x-a) & \cos(x+a) & \cos x \\ \sin(x+a) + \sin(x-a) & \sin(x-a) & \sin x \\ \cos a (\tan x + \cot x) & \cos a \cot x & \operatorname{cosec} 2x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 2 \cos x \cos a & \cos(x+a) & \cos x \\ 2 \sin x \cos a & \sin(x-a) & \sin x \\ \cos a \left(\frac{\tan^2 x + 1}{\tan x}\right) & \cos a \cot x & \operatorname{cosec} 2x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2 \cos a \begin{vmatrix} \cos x & \cos(x+a) & \cos x \\ \sin x & \sin(x-a) & \sin x \\ \operatorname{cosec} 2x & \cos a \cot x & \operatorname{cosec} 2x \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

[ $\because$  two columns are identical]

125 (a)

Since  $(x - k)$  will be common from each row which vanish by putting  $x = k$ . Therefore,  $(x - k)^r$  will be a factor of  $|A|$

126 (d)

Putting  $x = 0$  in the given determinant equation we get

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ -3 & 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1(0 - 9) + 3(4 + 6) \\ &= 30 - 9 = 21 \end{aligned}$$

127 (a)

$$\text{Given, } \begin{vmatrix} a & \cot \frac{A}{2} & \lambda \\ b & \cot \frac{B}{2} & \mu \\ c & \cot \frac{C}{2} & \gamma \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} a & \frac{s(s-a)}{\Delta} & \lambda \\ b & \frac{s(s-b)}{\Delta} & \mu \\ c & \frac{s(s-c)}{\Delta} & \gamma \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\left[ \because \cot \frac{A}{2} = \frac{s(s-a)}{\sqrt{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}} = \frac{s(s-a)}{\Delta} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{r} \begin{vmatrix} a & s-a & \lambda \\ b & s-b & \mu \\ c & s-c & \gamma \end{vmatrix} = 0 \text{ where } r = \frac{\Delta}{s}$$

Applying  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 + C_1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{r} \begin{vmatrix} a & s & \lambda \\ b & s & \mu \\ c & s & \gamma \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta}{r^2} \begin{vmatrix} a & 1 & \lambda \\ b & 1 & \mu \\ c & 1 & \gamma \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta}{r^2} \begin{vmatrix} a-b & 0 & \lambda-\mu \\ b-c & 0 & \mu-\gamma \\ c & 1 & \gamma \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta}{r^2} [(b-c)(\lambda-\mu) - (\mu-\gamma)(a-b)] &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow b(\lambda-\mu) - c(\lambda-\mu) - a(\mu-\gamma) + b(\mu-\gamma) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow -a(\mu-\gamma) + b(\lambda-\mu + \mu-\gamma) - c(\lambda-\mu) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow -a(\mu-\gamma) + b(\lambda-\gamma) - c(\lambda-\mu) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow a(\mu-\gamma) + b(\gamma-\lambda) + c(\lambda-\mu) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

129 (d)

$$\text{Let } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} x+2 & x+3 & x+a \\ x+4 & x+5 & x+b \\ x+6 & x+7 & x+c \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1$ , we get

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} x+2 & 1 & x+a \\ x+4 & 1 & x+b \\ x+6 & 1 & x+c \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \Delta &= \begin{vmatrix} x+2 & 1 & x+a \\ 2 & 0 & b-a \\ 4 & 0 & c-a \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -1(2c - 2a - 4b + 4a) \\ \Rightarrow \Delta &= 2(2b - c - a) \quad \dots(i) \end{aligned}$$

Since,  $a, b, c$  are in AP.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore b &= \frac{a+c}{2} \\ \therefore \Delta &= 2(a+c - c - a) \\ &= 0 \quad [\text{from Eq. (i)}] \end{aligned}$$

130 (a)

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

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

The determinants can be rewritten as 8 determinants and the value of each of these 8 determinants is zero.

$$\text{ie, } \cos P \cos Q \cos R \begin{vmatrix} \cos A & \cos A & \cos A \\ \cos B & \cos B & \cos B \\ \cos C & \cos C & \cos C \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Similarly, other determinants can be shown zero.

131 (b)

$$\text{We have, } \Delta(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x^n & \sin x & \cos x \\ n! & \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} & \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} \\ a & a^2 & a^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d^n}{dx^n} [\Delta(x)] = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} x^n & \frac{d^n}{dx^n} \sin x & \frac{d^n}{dx^n} \cos x \\ n! & \sin \left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) & \cos \left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \\ a & a^2 & a^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

( $\because$  Differentiation of  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  are zero)

$$\begin{vmatrix} n! \sin \left(x + \frac{n\pi}{2}\right) & \cos \left(x + \frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \\ n! \sin \left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) & \cos \left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \\ a & a^2 & a^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow [\Delta^n(x)]_{x=0}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} n! \sin \left(0 + \frac{n\pi}{2}\right) & \cos \left(0 + \frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \\ n! \sin \left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) & \cos \left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \\ a & a^2 & a^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} n! \sin \left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) & \cos \left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \\ n! \sin \left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) & \cos \left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \\ a & a^2 & a^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 0 \quad (\because R_1 \text{ and } R_2 \text{ are identical})$$

132 (a)

$$\text{Let, } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \log_x y & \log_x z \\ \log_y x & 1 & \log_y z \\ \log_z x & \log_z y & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1(1 - \log_z y \log_y z)$$

$$- \log_x y (\log_y x - \log_y z \log_z x)$$

$$+ \log_x z (\log_y x \log_y z - \log_z x)$$

$$= (1 - \log_z z) - \log_x y (\log_y x - \log_y z \log_z x)$$

$$+ \log_x z (\log_y x \log_y z - \log_z x)$$

$$= (1 - 1) - (1 - \log_x y \log_y x) + (\log_x z \log_z x - 1)$$

$$= 0 \quad (\text{Since, } \log_x y \log_y x = 1)$$

$$= 0 - (1 - 1) + (1 - 1) = 0$$

133 (b)

Given determinant is

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 15! & 16! & 17! \\ 16! & 17! & 18! \\ 17! & 18! & 19! \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 15! & 15 \times 15! & 16 \times 16! \\ 16! & 16 \times 16! & 17 \times 17! \\ 17! & 17 \times 17! & 18 \times 18! \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (15!)(16!)(17!) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 15 & 16 \times 16 \\ 1 & 16 & 17 \times 17 \\ 1 & 17 & 18 \times 18 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$= (15!)(16!)(17!) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 & -33 \\ 0 & -1 & -35 \\ 1 & 17 & 18 \times 18 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2 \times (15!)(16!)(17!)$$

134 (b)

We have,

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 & 10 \\ 1 & 4 & 10 & 20 \end{vmatrix}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 9 \\ 0 & 3 & 9 & 19 \end{vmatrix} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Applying } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1, \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1, R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - R_1 \end{array} \right] \\
 &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 9 \\ 3 & 9 & 19 \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 10 \end{vmatrix} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Applying } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1, \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1 \end{array} \right] \\
 &= (10 - 9) = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

135 (c)

The homogenous linear system of equations is consistent *ie*, possesses trivial solution, if  $\Delta \equiv$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 1 & k & 5 \\ k & -12 & -14 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(-14k + 60) - 3(-14 - 5k) + 5(-12 - k^2) \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5k^2 + 13k - 102 \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (5k - 17)(k + 6) \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k \neq -6, \frac{17}{5}$$

136 (c)

We have,

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

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

[Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1(a), R_2 \leftrightarrow R_2(b), R_3 \leftrightarrow R_3(c)$ ]

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

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -2c^2 & -2b^2 \\ b^2 & c^2 + a^2 & b^2 \\ c^2 & c^2 & a^2 + b^2 \end{vmatrix} \text{Applying } R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - (R_2 + R_3)$$

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

$$\therefore ka^2b^2c^2 = 4a^2b^2c^2 \Rightarrow k = 4$$

137 (a)

We have,

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

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 2(x+y+z) & x+y+z & x+y+z \\ z+x & z & x \\ x+y & y & z \end{vmatrix} \text{App } R_1 \rightarrow R_1$$

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

$$= (x+y+z) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & z & x \\ x-z & y & z \end{vmatrix} \text{Applying } C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2 - C_3$$

Hence, the repeating factor is  $(z - x)$

138 (d)

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4+x^2 & -6 & -2 \\ -6 & 9+x^2 & 3 \\ -2 & 3 & 1+x^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (4+x^2)[(1+x^2)(9+x^2) - 9] + 6[-6(1+x^2) + 6] - 2[-18 + 2(9+x^2)]$$

$$= (4+x^2)(10x^2 + x^4) - 36x^2 - 4x^2$$

$$= 40x^2 + 4x^4 + 10x^4 + x^6 - 40x^2$$

$$= x^4(x^2 + 14)$$

Which is not divisible by  $x^5$ .

139 (d)

Since, for  $x = 0$ , the determinant reduces to the determinant of a skew-symmetric matrix of odd order which is always zero. Hence,  $x = 0$  is the solution of the given equation.

140 (c)

$$\begin{vmatrix} b^2 + c^2 & a^2 & a^2 \\ b^2 & c^2 + a^2 & b^2 \\ c^2 & c^2 & a^2 + b^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & c^2 & b^2 \\ b^2 & c^2 + a^2 & b^2 \\ c^2 & c^2 & a^2 + b^2 \end{vmatrix} [R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - (R_2 + R_3)]$$

$$= -2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & c^2 & b^2 \\ b^2 & a^2 & 0 \\ c^2 & 0 & a^2 \end{vmatrix} \begin{array}{l} (R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1) \\ (R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1) \end{array}$$

$$= -2[-c^2(b^2a^2 - 0) + b^2(0 - a^2c^2)]$$

$$= -2[-2a^2b^2c^2] = 4a^2b^2c^2$$

141 (c)

We have,  $\begin{vmatrix} p & b & c \\ p+a & q+b & 2c \\ a & b & r \end{vmatrix} = 0$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow p(qr - bc) - b(ar - ac) - c(ab - aq) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -pqr + pbc + bar + acq = 0$$

On simplifying, we get

$$\frac{p}{p-a} + \frac{q}{q-b} + \frac{r}{r-c} = 2$$

142 (d)

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

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \begin{vmatrix} 2(a+b+c) & a & b \\ 2(a+b+c) & 2a+b+c & b \\ 2(a+b+c) & a & a+2b+c \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= 2(a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 1 & 2a+b+c & b \\ 1 & a & a+2b+c \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= 2(a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -(a+b+c) & 0 \\ 0 & (a+b+c) & -(a+b+c) \\ 1 & a & a+2b+c \end{vmatrix} \\
 &\quad \begin{matrix} (R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2) \\ (R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3) \end{matrix} \\
 &= 2(a+b+c)^3 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & a & a+2b+c \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= 2(a+b+c)^3
 \end{aligned}$$

143 (c)

Since,  $-1 \leq x < 0$

$$\therefore [x] = -1$$

Also,  $0 \leq y < 1 \Rightarrow [y] = 0$

and  $1 \leq z < 2 \Rightarrow [z] = 1$

$\therefore$  Given determinant becomes

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 1 = [z]$$

144 (b)

For singular matrix,

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

Applying  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 + C_1, C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + C_1$

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

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

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$

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

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

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

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

$\therefore$  Given matrix is non -

singular for all  $x$  other than 2 and -2.

146 (c)

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & a+1 & a-1 \\ -b & b+1 & b-1 \\ c & c-1 & c+1 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

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

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

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

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

$C_2 \leftrightarrow C_3$

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

This is equal to zero only, if  $n+2$  is odd i.e.,  $n$  is an odd integer.

147 (d)

$$\text{Given that, } \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{a} & a^2 & bc \\ \frac{1}{b} & b^2 & ca \\ \frac{1}{c} & c^2 & ab \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{abc} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a^3 & abc \\ 1 & b^3 & abc \\ 1 & c^3 & abc \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{abc}{abc} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a^3 & 1 \\ 1 & b^3 & 1 \\ 1 & c^3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 0$$

( $\because$  columns  $C_1$  and  $C_3$  are same)

148 (b)

$$\text{Given that, } \begin{vmatrix} x & -6 & -1 \\ 2 & -3x & x-3 \\ -3 & 2x & x+2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} x & -6 & -1 \\ 5 & -5x & -5 \\ -3 & 2x & x+2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 \begin{vmatrix} x & -6 & -1 \\ 1 & -x & -1 \\ -3 & 2x & x+2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(-x^2 - 2x + 2x) - 1(-6x - 12 + 2x) - 3(6 - x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -x^3 + 7x - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 - 7x + 6 = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x = 1, 2, -3$$

$\therefore$  Option (b) is correct.

149 (a)

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

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3$

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

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

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - (R_1 - 2R_2)$

$$= 4 \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \\ a & b & c \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

151 (a)

$$\text{Given, } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow |A| = 5 - 6 = -1$$

$$\therefore |A^{2009} - 5A^{2008}| = |A^{2008}||A - 5I|$$

$$= (-1)^{2008} \left| \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \right|$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -6$$

152 (b)

$$f(1) = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & -16 & -78 \\ -4 & -48 & -496 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 2928$$

$$f(3) = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & -32 & -392 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\text{and } f(5) = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 32 & 294 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\therefore f(1) \cdot f(3) + f(3) \cdot f(5) + f(5) \cdot f(1) \\ = f(1) \cdot 0 + 0 + f(1) \cdot 0 = 0 = f(3) \text{ or } f(5)$$

153 (d)

$$\Delta = (x+a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & b+c \\ 1 & b & c+a \\ 1 & c & a+b \end{vmatrix} \quad [C_1 \\ \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3]$$

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

$$= 0 \quad [C_2 \rightarrow C_2 + C_3]$$

Hence,  $x$  may have any value.

154 (c)

$$\text{It has a non-zero solution, if } \begin{vmatrix} 1 & k & -1 \\ 3 & -k & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1(-k-3) - k(3+1) - 1(-9+k) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -6k + 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 1$$

155 (a)

$$\text{Given, } \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1+x^3 \\ y & y^2 & 1+y^3 \\ z & z^2 & 1+z^3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow 1+xyz = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow xyz = -1$$

156 (a)

$$\begin{vmatrix} [e] & [\pi] & [\pi^2 - 6] \\ [\pi] & [\pi^2 - 6] & [e] \\ [\pi^2 - 6] & [e] & [\pi] \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2(9-4) - 3(9-6) + 3(6-9)$$

$$= 10 - 9 - 9$$

$$= -8$$

157 (b)

We have,

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & ax+b \\ b & c & bx+c \\ ax+b & bx+c & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$[\text{Applying } R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - x \\ R_1 - R_2]$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (b^2 - ac)(ac^2 + 2bx + c)$$

$$\therefore \Delta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 = ac \text{ or, } ax^2 + 2bx + c = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a, b, c \text{ are in G.P. or, } x \text{ is a root of the equation}$$

$$ax^2 + 2bx + c = 0$$

158 (d)

All statements are false.

159 (b)

Applying  $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1$ , we get

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 - 1 \\ \cos(p-d)a & \cos pa & 0 \\ \sin(p-d)a & \sin pa & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (\alpha^2 - 1) \{ \sin pa \cos(p-d)a \\ - \cos pa \sin(p-d)a \}$$

$$= (\alpha^2 - 1) \sin\{-(p-d)a + pa\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (\alpha^2 - 1) \sin da$$

Which is independent of  $p$ .

160 (c)

$$\text{Given, } \begin{vmatrix} a+x & a-x & a-x \\ a-x & a+x & a-x \\ a-x & a-x & a+x \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$  and taking common

$(3a-x)$  from  $C_1$ , we get

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

$$\Rightarrow (3a-x) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a-x & a-x \\ 0 & 2x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2x \end{vmatrix} = 0 \begin{matrix} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow (3a-x)(4x^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3a, 0$$

161 (a)

Since, the given equations are consistent.

$$\therefore \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \\ a & 2 & -b \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(-b+4) - 3(-3b+2a) + 1(6-a) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -2b + 8 + 9b - 6a + 6 - a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 7b - 7a = -14$$

$$\Rightarrow a - b = 2$$

162 (d)

Given,

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \cos x & 1 - \cos x \\ 1 + \sin x & \cos x & 1 + \sin x - \cos x \\ \sin x & \sin x & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + C_2 - C_1$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \cos x & 0 \\ 1 + \sin x & \cos x & 0 \\ \sin x & \sin x & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \cos x - \cos x(1 + \sin x)$$

$$= -\cos x \sin x$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \sin 2x$$

$$\therefore \int_0^{\pi/2} \Delta x \, dx = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin 2x \, dx$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \left[ -\frac{\cos 2x}{2} \right]_0^{\pi/2} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

163 (c)

For the non-trivial solution, we must have

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a \\ b & 1 & b \\ c & c & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1-a & 0 & a \\ b-1 & 1-b & b \\ 0 & c-1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

[Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2$ ;  
 $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_3$ ]

$$\Rightarrow (1-a)[(1-b) - b(c-1)] + a(b-1)(c-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{c-1} + \frac{b}{b-1} + \frac{a}{a-1} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{1}{c-1} + 1 \right) + \frac{b}{b-1} + \frac{a}{a-1} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{c}{c-1} + \frac{b}{b-1} + \frac{a}{a-1} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{1-a} + \frac{b}{1-b} + \frac{c}{1-c} = -1$$

164 (d)

Given system equations are

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

$$\lambda x - 14y + 15z = 0 \text{ and } x + 2y - 3z = 0$$

The system of equations has infinitely many (non-trivial solutions, if  $\Delta = 0$ ).

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 & 1 \\ \lambda & -14 & 15 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(42 - 30) - \lambda(6 - 2) + 1(-30 + 14) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 36 - 4\lambda - 16 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 5$$

166 (c)

$$\text{Since, } \begin{vmatrix} \sin x & \cos x & \cos x \\ \cos x & \sin x & \cos x \\ \cos x & \cos x & \sin x \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x(\sin^2 x - \cos^2 x)$$

$$- \cos x(\cos x \sin x - \cos^2 x)$$

$$+ \cos x(\cos^2 x - \sin x \cos x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x(\sin^2 x - \cos^2 x)$$

$$- 2 \cos^2 x(\sin x - \cos x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sin x - \cos x)[\sin x(\sin x$$

$$+ \cos x) - 2 \cos^2 x] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sin x - \cos x)[(\sin^2 x - \cos^2 x)$$

$$+ (\sin x \cos x - \cos^2 x)] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sin x - \cos x)^2 [\sin x + \cos x + \cos x] = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \text{Either } (\sin x - \cos x)^2 = 0$$

$$\text{or } \sin x + 2 \cos x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Either } \tan x = 1 \text{ or } \tan x = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Either } x = \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ or } \tan x = -2$$

$$\text{As } x \in \left[ -\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4} \right], \tan x \in [-1, 1]$$

$$\text{Hence, real solution is only } x = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

167 (a)

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_3 - 2R_2$ , we get

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & x+z-zy \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & y \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & z \\ x & y & z & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -(x+z-2y) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix} \quad [\text{Expanding along } R_1]$$

$$= -(x+z-2y) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & 7 \\ x-2y+z & y-z & z \end{vmatrix}$$

[Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_3$ ;  
 $-2C_2$  and  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_3$ ]

$$= -(x+z-2y)^2 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 6 \\ -1 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = (x-2y+z)^2$$

169 (c)

We have,  $a = 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots$  upto  $n$  terms

$$= 1 \left( \frac{2^n - 1}{2 - 1} \right) = 2^n - 1$$

$$b = 1 + 3 + 9 + \dots \text{ upto } n \text{ terms} = \frac{3^n - 1}{2}$$

$$\text{and } c = 1 + 5 + 25 + \dots \text{ upto } n \text{ terms} = \frac{5^n - 1}{4}$$

$$\therefore \begin{vmatrix} a & 2b & 4c \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2^n & 3^n & 5^n \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2^n - 1 & 3^n - 1 & 5^n - 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2^n & 3^n & 5^n \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2^n & 3^n & 5^n \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2^n & 3^n & 5^n \end{vmatrix} \quad [R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2]$$

$$= 2 \times 0 = 0 \quad [\because \text{two rows are identical}]$$

170 (d)

$$\text{Let } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} c & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & c & 1 \\ 6 & 1 & c \end{vmatrix} = c(c^2 - 1) - 1(c - 6)$$

$$= 8 \cos^3 \theta - 4 \cos \theta + 6$$

171 (b)

We have,

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1^2 & 2^2 & 3^2 \\ 2^2 & 3^2 & 4^2 \\ 3^2 & 4^2 & 5^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 4 & 5 & 7 \\ 9 & 7 & 9 \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{Applying } C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1 \text{ and } C_3 \rightarrow$$

$$C_3 - C_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 & 2 \\ 9 & 7 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{Applying } C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 & 1 \\ 9 & 7 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 8 & 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{Applying } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1, R_3 \rightarrow$$

$$R_3 - R_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = 2 \times -4 = -8$$

172 (a)

We have,

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & a & b \\ a & x & b \\ a & b & x \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Applying } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1 \end{array} \right]$$

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

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

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Applying} \\ C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$= (x - a)(x + a + b)(x - b) \quad [\text{Expanding along } C_1]$$

173 (c)

We have,

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} [x] + 1 & [y] & [z] \\ [x] & [y] + 1 & [z] \\ [x] & [y] & [z] + 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ [x] & [y] & [z] + 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Applying } R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_3 \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = [z] + 1 + [y] + [x] = [x] + [y] + [z] + 1$$

Since maximum values of  $[x]$ ,  $[y]$  and  $[z]$  are 1, 0 and 2 respectively

$$\therefore \text{Maximum value of } \Delta = 2 + 1 + 0 + 1 = 4$$

174 (c)

We have,

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & 2b & 2c \\ 3 & b & c \\ 4 & a & b \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} a - 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & b & c \\ 4 & a & b \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{Applying } R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 2R_2$$

$$\Rightarrow (a - 6)(b^2 - ac) = 0 \Rightarrow b^2 = ac \Rightarrow b^3 = abc$$

176 (d)

$$\text{We have, } \Delta \equiv \begin{vmatrix} a & b & 0 \\ 0 & a & b \\ b & 0 & a \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta \equiv a(a^2 - 0) - b(0 - b^2) = a^3 + b^3$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 + b^3 = 0 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^3 = -1$$

$\therefore \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$  is one of the cube roots of  $-1$ .

177 (b)

We have,

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

Applying  $C_1 \leftarrow C_1 + (C_2 + C_3)$  on LHS, we have

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

$$\Rightarrow 2 \begin{vmatrix} a + b + c & c + a & a + b \\ a + b + c & b + c & c + a \\ a + b + c & a + b & b + c \end{vmatrix} = k \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ c & a & b \\ b & c & a \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1, C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1$  on LHS, we have

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

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$  on LHS, we have

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

$$\Rightarrow 2 \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ c & a & b \\ b & c & a \end{vmatrix} = k \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ c & a & b \\ b & c & a \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\therefore k = 2$$

178 (b)

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

$$\because \Delta > 0 \Rightarrow abc + 2 > a + b + c$$

$$\Rightarrow abc + 2 > 3(abc)^{1/3}$$

$$\left[ \because \text{AM} > \text{GM} \Rightarrow \frac{a+b+c}{3} > (abc)^{1/3} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + 2 > 3x, \text{ where } x = (abc)^{1/3}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 - 3x + 2 > 0 \Rightarrow (x-1)^2(x+2) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 2 > 0 \Rightarrow x > -2 \Rightarrow (abc)^{1/3} > -2$$

$$\Rightarrow abc > -8$$

179 (a)

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1(\cos \beta) + R_2(\sin \beta)$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha & 1 \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 + \sin \beta - \cos \beta \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (1 + \sin \beta - \cos \beta)(\cos^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \alpha)$$

$$= 1 + \sin \beta - \cos \beta, \text{ which is independent of } \alpha$$

180 (d)

$$\text{Given, } A = B^{-1}AB$$

$$\Rightarrow BA = AB$$

$$\therefore \det(B^{-1}AB) = \det(B^{-1}BA) = \det(A)$$

181 (d)

Given, matrix is singular.

$$\text{Therefore, } \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \\ \lambda & -3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow +1(0 - 6) + \lambda(3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -6 + 3\lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 2$$

182 (a)

We have,

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 & 6 & x \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & y \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & z \\ x & y & z & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 & 6 & x \\ 10 & 12 & 14 & 2y \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & z \\ x & y & z & 0 \end{vmatrix} \quad [\text{Applying } R_2 \rightarrow 2R_2]$$

$$\Rightarrow |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 & 6 & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & z \\ x & y & z & 0 \end{vmatrix} \quad [\text{Applying } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - (R_1 + R_3)]$$

$$\Rightarrow |A| = 0 \quad [\because 2y = x + z]$$

183 (c)

Putting  $r = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$  and using the formula

$$\sum 1 = n \text{ and } \sum r = \frac{(n+1)n}{2}$$

$$\sum (2r - 1) = 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots = n^2$$

$$\therefore \sum_{r=1}^n \Delta_r = \begin{vmatrix} n & n & n \\ n(n+1) & n^2+n+1 & n^2+n \\ n^2 & n^2 & n^2+n+1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 56$$

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

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & n \\ 0 & 1 & n^2+n \\ -n-1 & -n-1 & n^2+n+1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n+1) = 56$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 + n - 56 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (n+8)(n-7) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 7 \quad (n \neq -8)$$

184 (a)

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

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & a-b & (a-b)(a+b+c) \\ 0 & b-c & (b-c)(a+b+c) \\ 1 & c & c^2 - ab \end{vmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} (R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2) \\ (R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3) \end{matrix}$$

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

rows  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are identical)

185 (c)

$$\because \det(M_r) = r^2 - (r-1)^2 = 2r - 1$$

$$\therefore \det(M_1) + \det(M_2) + \dots + \det(M_{2008})$$

$$= 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + 4015$$

$$= \frac{2008}{2} [2 + (2008 - 1)2]$$

$$= 2008(2008) = (2008)^2$$

186 (b)

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ \omega & \omega^2 & 1 \\ \omega^2 & 1 & \omega \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 + \omega + \omega^2 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ 1 + \omega + \omega^2 & \omega^2 & 1 \\ 1 + \omega + \omega^2 & 1 & \omega \end{vmatrix} \quad (\because 1 + \omega + \omega^2 = 0)$$

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

$$= 0$$

187 (a)

$$\text{Given, } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \omega^n & \omega^{2n} \\ \omega^n & \omega^{2n} & 1 \\ \omega^{2n} & 1 & \omega^n \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1(\omega^{3n} - 1) - \omega^n(\omega^{2n} - \omega^{2n}) + \omega^{2n}(\omega^n - \omega^{4n})$$

$$= 1(1 - 1) - 0 + \omega^{2n}(\omega^n - \omega^n) \quad [\because \omega^3 = 1]$$

$$= 0$$

188 (a)

$$\text{Given, } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^3 & b^3 & c^3 \end{vmatrix} =$$

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

$$[C_2 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2, C_3 \rightarrow C_1 - C_3]$$

$$= (a-b)(a$$

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

$$= (a-b)(a-c)(c^2+ac-ab-b^2)$$

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

189 (c)

We have,

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

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

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1$

$$+2R_2 + R_3$$

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

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

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$ ,

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = 2\{(b+c)(0-a^2) - (c+a)(0-ab) + (a+b)(ac-0)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = 2\{-a^2(b+c) + ab(c+a) + ac(a+b)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = 2(-a^2b - a^2c + abc + a^2b + a^2c + abc)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = 4abc$$

190 (d)

$$\begin{vmatrix} \log_5 729 & \log_3 5 \\ \log_5 27 & \log_9 25 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \log_3 3^6 & \log_3 5 \\ \log_5 3^3 & \log_{3^2} 5^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 6 \log_5 3 & \log_3 5 \\ 3 \log_5 3 & \frac{2}{2} \log_3 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 6 \log_5 3 \log_3 5 - 3 \log_5 3 \log_3 5$$

$$= 6 - 3 = 3$$

$$\text{And } \begin{vmatrix} \log_3 5 & \log_{27} 5 \\ \log_5 9 & \log_5 9 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \log_3 5 & \log_{3^3} 5 \\ \log_5 3^2 & \log_5 3^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \log_3 5 & \frac{1}{3} \log_3 5 \\ 2 \log_5 3 & 2 \log_5 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2 \log_5 3 \log_3 5 - \frac{2}{3} \log_5 3 \log_3 5$$

$$= 2 - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\text{Now, } \begin{vmatrix} \log_5 729 & \log_3 5 \\ \log_5 27 & \log_9 25 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} \log_3 5 & \log_{27} 5 \\ \log_5 9 & \log_5 9 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \cdot \frac{4}{3} = 4$$

Take option (d),

$$\log_3 5 \cdot \log_5 81 = \log_3 81 = \log_3 3^4 = 4$$

191 (c)

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

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow (a+b+c-x)[1(b-x-c)(c-x-b) - (a-c)(a-b)] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+b+c-x)[bc - xb - b^2 - xc + x^2 + bx - c^2 + cx + bc$$

$$- (a^2 - ab - ac + bc)] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+b+c-x)[x^2 - a^2 - b^2 - c^2 + ab + bc + ca] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = a+b+c \text{ or } x^2$$

$$= a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + ab + bc + ca$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } x^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + \frac{1}{2}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}$$

192 (d)

We have,

$$\Delta = abc \left(1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right) = abc \times 0$$

193 (a)

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_3$ , we get

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-i & \omega^2 + \omega & \omega^2 - 1 \\ 1-i & -1 & \omega^2 - 1 \\ -i & -1 + \omega - i & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$\therefore \omega^2 + \omega = -1$ , so  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  become identical

194 (a)

$$\sum_{n=1}^N U_n = \begin{vmatrix} \sum n & 1 & 5 \\ \sum n^2 & 2N+1 & 2N+1 \\ \sum n^3 & 3N^2 & 3N \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \frac{N(N+1)}{2} & 1 & 5 \\ \frac{N(N+1)(2N+1)}{6} & 2N+1 & 2N+1 \\ \left(\frac{N(N+1)}{2}\right)^2 & 3N^2 & 3N \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{N(N+1)}{12} \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 1 & 5 \\ 4N+2 & 2N+1 & 2N+1 \\ 3N(N+1) & 3N^2 & 3N \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + C_2$

$$= \frac{N(N+1)}{12} \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 1 & 6 \\ 4N+2 & 2N+1 & 4N+2 \\ 3N(N+1) & 3N^2 & 3N(N+1) \end{vmatrix}$$

$= 0$  ( $\because$  two columns are identical)

195 (c)

$$\begin{vmatrix} 215 & 342 & 511 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 36 & 49 & 54 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 215(378 - 392) - 342(324 - 288)$$

$$+ 511(294 - 252)$$

$$= -3010 - 12312 + 21462 = 6140$$

Which is exactly divisible by 20

196 (a)

$$\det(A^{-1} \text{adj } A) = \det(A^{-1}) \det(\text{adj } A)$$

$$= (\det A)^{-1} (\det A)^{3-1} = \det A$$

197 (d)

$$A = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \sin \theta & 1 \\ -\sin \theta & 1 & \sin \theta \\ -1 & -\sin \theta & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1(1 + \sin^2 \theta) - \sin \theta(-\sin \theta + \sin \theta) + 1(\sin^2 \theta + 1)$$

$$= 2(1 + \sin^2 \theta)$$

Since, the maximum and minimum value of  $\sin^2 \theta$  is 1 and 0.

$$\therefore |A| \in [2, 4]$$

198 (d)

Since, the first column consists of sum of two terms, second column consists of sum of three terms and third column consists of sum four terms.

$$\therefore n = 2 \times 3 \times 4 = 24$$

199 (c)

Given  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots \in \text{GP}$

$\Rightarrow \log a_1, \log a_2, \dots \in \text{AP}$

$\Rightarrow \log a_n, \log a_{n+1}, \log a_{n+2}, \dots \in \text{AP}$

$$\Rightarrow \log a_{n+1} = \frac{\log a_n + \log a_{n+2}}{2} \quad \dots \text{(i)}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \log a_{n+4} = \frac{\log a_{n+3} + \log a_{n+5}}{2} \quad \dots \text{(ii)}$$

$$\text{and } \log a_{n+7} = \frac{\log a_{n+6} + \log a_{n+8}}{2} \quad \dots \text{(ii)}$$

$$\text{Given, } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \log a_n & \log a_{n+1} & \log a_{n+2} \\ \log a_{n+3} & \log a_{n+4} & \log a_{n+5} \\ \log a_{n+6} & \log a_{n+7} & \log a_{n+8} \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - \frac{C_1 + C_3}{2}$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \log a_n & 0 & \log a_{n+2} \\ \log a_{n+3} & 0 & \log a_{n+5} \\ \log a_{n+6} & 0 & \log a_{n+8} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

200 (a)

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \omega & -\omega^2/2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 + \omega + \omega^2 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \quad (C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\because 1 + \omega + \omega^2 = 0)$$

$$= 0$$

201 (a)

$$\begin{vmatrix} \log e & \log e^2 & \log e^3 \\ \log e^2 & \log e^3 & \log e^4 \\ \log e^3 & \log e^4 & \log e^5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \log e & 2\log e & 3\log e \\ 2\log e & 3\log e & 4\log e \\ 3\log e & 4\log e & 5\log e \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

(Using  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1, C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1$ )

$$= 0 [\because \text{two columns are identical}]$$

202 (b)

$$\begin{vmatrix} \sqrt{13} + \sqrt{3} & 2\sqrt{5} & \sqrt{5} \\ \sqrt{15} + \sqrt{26} & 5 & \sqrt{10} \\ 3 + \sqrt{65} & \sqrt{15} & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \sqrt{13} & 2\sqrt{5} & \sqrt{5} \\ \sqrt{16} & 5 & \sqrt{10} \\ \sqrt{65} & \sqrt{15} & 5 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 2\sqrt{5} & \sqrt{5} \\ \sqrt{15} & 5 & \sqrt{10} \\ 3 & \sqrt{15} & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \sqrt{13} \cdot \sqrt{5} \cdot \sqrt{5} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \sqrt{2} & \sqrt{5} & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{5} & \sqrt{3} & \sqrt{5} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$+ \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{5} \cdot \sqrt{5} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \sqrt{5} & \sqrt{5} & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{3} & \sqrt{3} & \sqrt{5} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 0 + 5\sqrt{3} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & \sqrt{5} & \sqrt{2} \\ 0 & \sqrt{3} & \sqrt{5} \end{vmatrix} = 5\sqrt{3}(\sqrt{6} - 5)$$

204 (d)

We can write  $\Delta = \Delta_1 + y_1 \Delta_2$ , where

$$\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 + x_1 y_2 & 1 + x_1 y_3 \\ 1 & 1 + x_2 y_2 & 1 + x_2 y_3 \\ 1 & 1 + x_3 y_2 & 1 + x_3 y_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } \Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & 1 + x_1 y_2 & 1 + x_1 y_3 \\ x_2 & 1 + x_2 y_2 & 1 + x_2 y_3 \\ x_3 & 1 + x_3 y_2 & 1 + x_3 y_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

In  $\Delta_1$ , use  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1$  and  $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1$  so that,



$$\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x_1 y_2 & x_1 y_3 \\ 1 & x_2 y_2 & x_2 y_3 \\ 1 & x_3 y_2 & x_3 y_3 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (\because C_2 \text{ and } C_3 \text{ are proportional})$$

In  $\Delta_2$ ,  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - y_2 C_1$  and  $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - y_3 C_1$  to get

$$\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & 1 & 1 \\ x_2 & 1 & 1 \\ x_3 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (\because C_2 \text{ and } C_3 \text{ are identical})$$

$$\therefore \Delta = 0$$

206 (c)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } \Delta &= \begin{vmatrix} b^2 - ab & b - c & bc - ac \\ ab - a^2 & a - b & b^2 - ab \\ bc - ac & c - a & ab - a^2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (b - a)(b - a) \begin{vmatrix} b & b - c & c \\ a & a - b & b \\ c & c - a & a \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (a - b)^2 \begin{vmatrix} b & b & c \\ a & a & b \\ c & c & a \end{vmatrix} \quad (C_2 \rightarrow C_2 + C_3) \\ &= 0 \quad (\because \text{two columns are same}) \end{aligned}$$

208 (d)

$$\begin{aligned} &\begin{vmatrix} x + 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ \omega & x + \omega^2 & 1 \\ \omega^2 & 1 & x + \omega \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} x + 1 + \omega + \omega^2 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ x + 1 + \omega + \omega^2 & x + \omega^2 & 1 \\ x + 1 + \omega + \omega^2 & 1 & x + \omega \end{vmatrix} \quad C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3 \\ &= x \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ 1 & x + \omega^2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & x + \omega \end{vmatrix} \quad (\because 1 + \omega + \omega^2 = 0) \\ &= x[1\{(x + \omega^2)(x + \omega) - 1\} + \omega\{1 - (x + \omega)\} + \omega^2\{1 - (x + \omega^2)\}] \\ &= x[(x^2 + \omega x + \omega^2 x + \omega^3 - 1 + \omega - \omega x - \omega^2 + \omega^2 - \omega^2 x - \omega^4)] \\ &= x^3 \quad (\because \omega^3 = 1) \end{aligned}$$

210 (b)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Given, } f(x) &= \begin{vmatrix} x & 1 + \sin x & \cos x \\ 1 & \log(1 + x) & 2 \\ x^2 & 1 + x^2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= x\{-2(1 + x^2)\} - (1 + \sin x)(-2x^2) + \cos x\{1 + x^2 - x^2 \log(1 + x)\} \\ &= -2x - 2x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x^2 \sin x + \cos x\{1 + x^2 - x^2 \log(1 + x)\} \\ \therefore \text{Coefficient of } x \text{ in } f(x) &= -2. \end{aligned}$$

211 (c)

Clearly, the degree of the given determinant is 3. So, there cannot be more than 3 linear factors. Thus, the other factor is a numerical constant. Let it be  $\lambda$ . Then,

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

Putting  $a = 0, b = 1$  and  $c = 1$  on both sides, we get

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = \lambda \times 1 \times 2 \times 1 \Rightarrow 2\lambda \Rightarrow \lambda = 4$$

212 (b)

We have,

$$\begin{aligned} &\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \omega^2 & \omega^5 \\ \omega^3 & 1 & \omega^4 \\ \omega^5 & \omega^4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & \omega^2 \\ \omega^2 & \omega & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2 - (\omega^2 - \omega) = 2 - (-1) = 3 \end{aligned}$$

213 (b)

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$  and taking common  $(a + b + c)$  from  $C_1$ , we get

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

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

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

Which is always negative.

214 (c)

In a  $\Delta ABC$ , we have

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

$$\Rightarrow b \sin A = a \sin B \quad c \sin A = a \sin C$$

$$\therefore \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & b \sin A & c \sin A \\ b \sin A & 1 & \cos A \\ c \sin A & \cos A & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & a \sin B & a \sin C \\ a \sin B & 1 & \cos A \\ a \sin C & \cos A & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= a^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \sin B & \sin C \\ \sin B & 1 & \cos A \\ \sin C & \cos A & 1 \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{Taking a common factor } R_1 \text{ and } C_1 \text{ both}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= a^2\{(1 - \cos^2 A) - \sin B(\sin B - \cos A \sin C) + \sin C(\sin B \cos A - \sin C)\} \\ &= a^2\{\sin^2 A - \sin^2 B + 2 \sin B \sin C \cos A - \sin^2 C\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= a^2\{\sin(A+B)\sin(A-B) - \sin^2 C \\
&\quad + 2\cos A \sin B \sin C\} \\
&= a^2[\sin C\{\sin(A-B) - \sin C\} \\
&\quad + 2\cos A \sin B \sin C] \\
&= a^2[\sin C\{\sin(A-B) - \sin(A+B)\} \\
&\quad + 2\cos A \sin B \sin C] \\
&= a^2[\sin C \times -2\cos A \sin B + 2\cos A \sin B \sin C] \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

215 (b)

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & 1+a^3 \\ b & b^2 & 1+b^3 \\ c & c^2 & 1+c^3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & 1 \\ b & b^2 & 1 \\ c & c^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & a^3 \\ b & b^2 & b^3 \\ c & c^2 & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & 1 \\ b & b^2 & 1 \\ c & c^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + abc \begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & 1 \\ b & b^2 & 1 \\ c & c^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

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

$$\left[ \begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & 1 \\ b & b^2 & 1 \\ c & c^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 1+abc = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow abc = -1$$

216 (b)

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

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$

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

$\Rightarrow x=0$  is one of the values of  $x$  which satisfy the above determinant equation.

217 (a)

We have,

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 & 6 & x \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & y \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & z \\ x & y & z & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & x-2y+z \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & y \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & z \\ x & y & z & 0 \end{vmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Applying } R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \\ -2R_2 + R_3 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & y \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & z \\ x & y & z & 0 \end{vmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} [\because x, y, z \text{ are in A.P.}] \\ [\because x-2y+z=0] \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow |A| = 0$$

218 (a)

$$\text{Given, } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} (e^{i\alpha} + e^{-i\alpha})^2 & (e^{i\alpha} - e^{-i\alpha})^2 & 4 \\ (e^{i\beta} + e^{-i\beta})^2 & (e^{i\beta} - e^{-i\beta})^2 & 4 \\ (e^{i\gamma} + e^{-i\gamma})^2 & (e^{i\gamma} - e^{-i\gamma})^2 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 4 & (e^{i\alpha} - e^{-i\alpha})^2 & 4 \\ 4 & (e^{i\beta} - e^{-i\beta})^2 & 4 \\ 4 & (e^{i\gamma} - e^{-i\gamma})^2 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$= 0$  ( $\because$  two columns are same)

Hence, it is independent of  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$ .

219 (b)

Let  $A$  be the first term and  $R$  be the common ratio of the GP. Then,

$$a = AR^{p-1} \Rightarrow \log a = \log A + (p-1)\log R$$

$$b = AR^{q-1} \Rightarrow \log b = \log A + (q-1)\log R$$

$$c = AR^{r-1} \Rightarrow \log c = \log A + (r-1)\log R$$

Now,

$$\begin{vmatrix} \log a & p & 1 \\ \log b & q & 1 \\ \log c & r & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} (p-1)\log R & p & 1 \\ (q-1)\log R & q & 1 \\ (r-1)\log R & r & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \log R = \begin{vmatrix} p-1 & p & 1 \\ q-1 & q & 1 \\ r-1 & r & 1 \end{vmatrix} \quad [\text{Applying } C_1 \rightarrow C_1 -$$

$(\log A) C_3]$

$$= \log R \begin{vmatrix} 0 & p & 1 \\ 0 & q & 1 \\ 0 & r & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad [\text{Applying } C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2 +$$

$C_3]$

220 (c)

We know that the sum of the products of the elements of a row with the cofactors of the corresponding elements is always equal to the value of the determinant .ie,  $|A|$ .

221 (d)

$\because a, b, c, d, e$  and  $f$  are in GP.

$$\therefore a = a, b = ar, c = ar^2, d = ar^3, e = ar^4 \text{ and } f = ar^5$$

$$\therefore \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & d^2 & x \\ b^2 & e^2 & y \\ c^2 & f^2 & z \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & a^2r^6 & x \\ a^2r^2 & a^2r^8 & y \\ a^2r^4 & a^2r^{10} & z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= a^4r^6 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & x \\ r^2 & r^2 & y \\ r^4 & r^4 & z \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Thus, the given determinant is independent of  $x, y$  and  $z$ .

222 (a)

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

$$= 1(1 - \log_y z \log_z y) - \log_x y(\log_y x - \log_z x \log_y z)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \log_x z (\log_z y \log_y x - \log_z x) \\
 & = (1 - \log_y y) - \log_x y (\log_y x - \log_y x) \\
 & + \log_x z (\log_z x - \log_z x) \\
 & = (1 - 1) - 0 + 0 = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

223 (d)

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1-x & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+y \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -x & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & y \end{vmatrix} \begin{matrix} [C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1] \\ [C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1] \end{matrix} \\
 = -xy$$

224 (c)

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & y & z \\ -x & y & z \\ x & -y & z \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} x & y & z \\ -x & y & z \\ 0 & 0 & 2z \end{vmatrix} [R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_2] \\
 = 2z(xy + xy) = 4xyz$$

On comparing with  $kxyz$ , we get  $k = 4$

225 (b)

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3$  and taking common  $(2x + 10)$  from  $R_1$ , we get

$$(2x + 10) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2x & 2 \\ 7 & 6 & 2x \end{vmatrix} = 0 \\
 \Rightarrow (2x + 10) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2x-2 & 0 \\ 7 & -1 & 2x-7 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$[C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1 \text{ and } C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1] \\
 \Rightarrow (2x + 10)(2x - 2)(2x - 7) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -5, 1, \frac{7}{2}$$

Hence, other roots are 1 and  $\frac{7}{2}$  or 1 and 3.5

226 (b)

$$\text{Let } \frac{x^2}{a^2} = X, \frac{y^2}{b^2} = Y \text{ and } \frac{z^2}{c^2} = Z$$

Then the given system of equations becomes

$$X + Y - Z = 1, X - Y + Z = 1, -X + Y + Z = 1$$

$$\text{The coefficient matrix is } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Clearly,  $|A| \neq 0$ . So, the given system of equations has a unique solution

227 (c)

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2$ , we get

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ \cos^2 \theta & 1 + \cos^2 \theta & \cos^2 \theta \\ 4 \sin 4 \theta & 4 \sin 4 \theta & 1 + 4 \sin 4 \theta \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - 2C_3, C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - 2C_3$

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

$$\Rightarrow [\cos^2 \theta (2 + 4 \sin 4 \theta) + (1 - \cos^2 \theta)(2 + 4 \sin 4 \theta)] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow [2 \cos^2 \theta + 4 \cos^2 \theta \sin 4 \theta + 2 + 4 \sin 4 \theta - 2 \cos^2 \theta - 4 \cos^2 \theta \sin 4 \theta] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 + 4 \sin 4 \theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin 4 \theta = -\frac{1}{2}$$

228 (a)

$$\text{Given determinant, } \Delta \equiv \begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & a^3 + 1 \\ b & b^2 & b^3 + 1 \\ c & c^2 & c^3 + 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

On splitting the determinant into two determinants, we get

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

$$\Rightarrow (1 + abc)[1(bc^2 - cb^2) - a(c^2 - b^2) + a^2(c - b)] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 + abc)[(a - b)(b - c)(c - a)] = 0$$

Since  $a, b, c$  are different, the second factor cannot be zero.

$$\text{Hence, } 1 + abc = 0$$

229 (b)

We have,

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

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

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

$$+ \frac{1}{abc} \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & -abc & a \\ b^2 & -abc & b \\ c^2 & -abc & c \end{vmatrix} \begin{matrix} \text{Applying } R_1 \rightarrow R_1(a) \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2(b), R_3 \rightarrow R_3(c) \\ \text{in the IIrd determinant} \end{matrix}$$

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

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

230 (d)

Given that,  $x^a y^b = e^m, x^c y^d = e^n$

$$\text{and } \Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} m & b \\ n & d \end{vmatrix}, \Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} a & m \\ c & n \end{vmatrix}, \Delta_3 = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow a \log x + b \log y = m$$

$$\Rightarrow c \log x + d \log y = n$$

By Cramer's rule

$$\log x = \frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta_3} \text{ and } \log y = \frac{\Delta_2}{\Delta_3}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = e^{\Delta_1/\Delta_3} \text{ and } y = e^{\Delta_2/\Delta_3}$$

231 (d)

Clearly,  $x = 0$  satisfies the given equation

232 (c)

$$\text{Let } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 10! & 11! & 12! \\ 11! & 12! & 13! \\ 12! & 13! & 14! \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 10! 11! 12! \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 11 & 11 \times 12 \\ 1 & 12 & 12 \times 13 \\ 1 & 13 & 13 \times 14 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$= 10! 11! 12! \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 11 & 11 \times 12 \\ 0 & 1 & 24 \\ 0 & 2 & 50 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (10! 11! 12!)(50 - 48)$$

$$= 2 \cdot (10! 11! 12!)$$

233 (c)

We have,  $\begin{vmatrix} \sin x & \cos x & \cos x \\ \cos x & \sin x & \cos x \\ \cos x & \cos x & \sin x \end{vmatrix} = 0$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \sin x + 2 \cos x & \cos x & \cos x \\ \sin x + 2 \cos x & \sin x & \cos x \\ \sin x + 2 \cos x & \cos x & \sin x \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2 \cos x + \sin x) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \cos x & \cos x \\ 1 & \sin x & \cos x \\ 1 & \cos x & \sin x \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

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

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

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

$\therefore \tan x = -2, 1$  But  $\tan x \neq -2$ , because it does not lie in the interval  $\left[-\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4}\right]$ .

$$\therefore \tan x = 1$$

$$\text{So, } x = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

234 (a)

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

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2$

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

$$4 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & (a^x - a^{-x})^2 & 1 \\ 1 & (b^x - b^{-x})^2 & 1 \\ 1 & (c^x - c^{-x})^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (\because \text{two columns are}$$

identical)

235 (c)

Given matrix is non-singular, then

$$\begin{vmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda(2\lambda - 0) \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda \neq 0$$

236 (d)

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

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3$

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

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

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - (R_1 - 2R_2)$

$$= 4 \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \\ a & b & c \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\therefore k = 4$$

237 (c)

Let  $f(x) = a_0x^2 + a_1x + a_2$

and  $g(x) = b_2x^2 + b_1x + b_2$

Also,  $h(x) = c_0x^2 + c_1x + c_2$

$$\text{Then, } \Delta(x) = \begin{vmatrix} f(x) & g(x) & h(x) \\ 2a_0x + a_1 & 2b_0x + b_1 & 2c_0x + c_1 \\ 2a_0 & 2b_0 & 2c_0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= x \begin{vmatrix} f(x) & g(x) & h(x) \\ 2a_0 & 2b_0 & 2c_0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} f(x) & g(x) & h(x) \\ a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ 2a_0 & 2b_0 & 2c_0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 0 + 2 \begin{vmatrix} f(x) & g(x) & h(x) \\ a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_0 & b_0 & c_0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2[(b_1c_0 - b_0c_1)f(x) - (a_1c_0 - a_0c_1)g(x) + (a_1b_0 - a_0b_1)h(x)]$$

Hence, degree of  $\Delta(x) \leq 2$

238 (d)

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$ , we get

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

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

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow 2R_2 - R_1$

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

$$= 0 \quad [\because \text{two rows are identical}]$$

239 (d)

$$\text{Given, } f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 1+a & 1+ax & 1+ax^2 \\ 1+b & 1+bx & 1+bx^2 \\ 1+b & 1+cx & 1+cx^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 1+a & a(x-1) & ax(x-1) \\ 1+b & b(x-1) & bx(x-1) \\ 1+b & c(x-1) & cx(x-1) \end{vmatrix}$$

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

( $\because$  two columns are same)

240 (c)

We have,

$$ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + 50x + d = \begin{vmatrix} x^3 - 14x^2 & -x & 3x + \lambda \\ 4x + 1 & 3x & x - 4 \\ -3 & 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

On differentiating with respect to  $x$ , we get  
 $4ax^3 + 3bx^2 + 2cx + 50$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 3x^2 - 28x & -1 & 3 \\ 4x + 1 & 3x & x - 4 \\ -3 & 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} x^3 - 14x^2 & -x & 3x + \lambda \\ 4 & 3 & 1 \\ -3 & 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

Now, put  $x = 0$ , we get

$$50 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & -4 \\ -3 & 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & \lambda \\ 4 & 3 & 1 \\ -3 & 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow 50 = 25\lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 2$$

241 (d)

$$\text{We have, } \begin{vmatrix} x^2 + x & x + 1 & x - 2 \\ 2x^2 + 3x - 1 & 3x & 3x - 3 \\ x^2 + 2x + 3 & 2x - 1 & 2x - 1 \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$Ax - 12$$

On putting  $x = 1$  on both sides, we get

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = A - 12$$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2$

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

$$\Rightarrow -2(1) + (-1)(-14) = A - 12$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 24$$

242 (a)

$$\text{We have, } \begin{vmatrix} x + \alpha & \beta & \gamma \\ \gamma & x + \beta & \alpha \\ \alpha & \beta & x + \gamma \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} x + \alpha + \beta + \gamma & \beta & \gamma \\ x + \alpha + \beta + \gamma & x + \beta & \alpha \\ x + \alpha + \beta + \gamma & \beta & x + \gamma \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + \alpha + \beta + \gamma) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \beta & \gamma \\ 1 & x + \beta & \alpha \\ 1 & \beta & x + \gamma \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow (x + \alpha + \beta + \gamma) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \beta & \gamma \\ 0 & x & \alpha - \gamma \\ 0 & 0 & x \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + \alpha + \beta + \gamma)(x^2 - 0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } x = -(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)$$

243 (b)

We have,

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

$$\Rightarrow \Delta$$

$$= \frac{1}{abc} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & abc \\ 1 & b & abc \\ 1 & c & abc \end{vmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Applying } R_1 \rightarrow R_1(a), \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2(b) \text{ and } R_3 \rightarrow R_3(c) \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \frac{abc}{abc} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & 1 \\ 1 & b & 1 \\ 1 & c & 1 \end{vmatrix} \quad [\text{Taking } abc \text{ common from } C_3]$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \frac{abc}{abc} \times 0 = 0$$

244 (b)

We have,  $|A| \neq 0$ . Therefore,  $A^{-1}$  exists

Now,  $AB = AC$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1}(AB) = A^{-1}(AC)$$

$$\Rightarrow (A^{-1}A)B = (A^{-1}A)C \Rightarrow B = C$$

246 (c)

Applying  $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - \omega C_1$ , we get

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b\omega^2 & a\omega \\ b\omega & c & b\omega^2 \\ c\omega^2 & a\omega & c \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & b\omega^2 & 0 \\ b\omega & c & 0 \\ c\omega^2 & a\omega & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

247 (d)

$$\begin{vmatrix} a + b & a + 2b & a + 3b \\ a + 2b & a + 3b & a + 4b \\ a + 4b & a + 5b & a + 6b \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} a + b & a + 2b & a + 3b \\ b & b & b \\ 2b & 2b & 2b \end{vmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} (R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1) \\ (R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2) \end{array}$$

$$= 0 \quad (\because R_2 \text{ and } R_3 \text{ are proportional})$$

248 (c)

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - (R_2 + R_3)$ , we get

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & -2z & -2y \\ y & z + x & y \\ z & z & x + y \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$= 2xyz + 2y^2z - 2yz^2 - 2y^2z + 2yz^2 + 2xyz$$

$$= 4xyz$$

249 (b)

We have,

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\Delta_1) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & x & b \\ a & a & x \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} x & b & b \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ a & a & x \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} x & b & b \\ a & x & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(\Delta_1) = \begin{vmatrix} x & b \\ a & x \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} x & b \\ a & x \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} x & b \\ a & x \end{vmatrix} = 3\Delta_2$$

251 (d)

Applying  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1, C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_2$ , we get

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1990 & 1 & 1 \\ 1991 & 1 & 1 \\ 1992 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

253 (b)

We have,

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 + a_1 b_1 + a_1^2 b_1^2 & 1 + a_1 b_2 + a_1^2 b_2^2 & 1 + a_1 b_3 \\ 1 + a_2 b_1 + a_2^2 b_1^2 & 1 + a_2 b_2 + a_2^2 b_2^2 & 1 + a_2 b_3 \\ 1 + a_3 b_1 + a_3^2 b_1^2 & 1 + a_3 b_2 + a_3^2 b_2^2 & 1 + a_3 b_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a_1 & a_1^2 \\ 1 & a_2 & a_2^2 \\ 1 & a_3 & a_3^2 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & b_1 & b_1^2 \\ 1 & b_2 & b_2^2 \\ 1 & b_3 & b_3^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (a_1 - a_2)(a_2 - a_3)(a_3 - a_1)(b_1 - b_2)(b_2 - b_3)(b_3 - b_1)$$

254 (b)

Let  $A \equiv \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = 5 \dots (i)$

$$\therefore \begin{vmatrix} b_2 c_3 - b_3 c_2 & c_2 a_3 - c_3 a_2 & c_2 b_3 - c_3 b_2 \\ b_3 c_1 - b_1 c_3 & c_3 a_1 - c_1 a_3 & a_3 b_1 - a_1 b_3 \\ b_1 c_2 - b_2 c_1 & c_1 a_2 - c_2 a_1 & a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$[\text{adj } A] = (5)^{3-1}$  [from Eq. (i)]  
 $= 5^2 = 25$  ( $\because |\text{adj } A| = |A|^{n-1}$ )

255 (b)

Let  $a \neq 0$ . Then,

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{a} \begin{vmatrix} a^3 + a x^2 & a b & a c \\ a^2 b & b^2 + x^2 & b c \\ a^2 c & b c & c^2 + x^2 \end{vmatrix} \quad [\text{Applying } C_1 \rightarrow a C_1]$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \frac{1}{a} \begin{vmatrix} a(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + x^2) & a b & a c \\ b(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + x^2) & b^2 + x^2 & b c \\ c(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + x^2) & b c & c^2 + x^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

[Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + b C_2 + c C_3$ ]

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \frac{1}{a} (a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + x^2) \begin{vmatrix} a & a b & a c \\ b & b^2 + x^2 & b c \\ c & b c & c^2 + x^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

[Applying  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - b C_1, C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - c C_1$ ]

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + x^2) x^4$$

Clearly,  $\Delta$  is divisible by  $x^4$

If  $a = 0$ , then also it can be easily seen that  $\Delta$  is divisible by  $x^4$

256 (a)

We have,

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{a=1}^n \Delta_a = \frac{n(n-1)}{12} \begin{vmatrix} 6 & n & 6 \\ 4n-2 & 2n^2 & 4n-2 \\ 3n^2-3n & 3n^3 & 3n^2-3n \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

257 (d)

$$B = 5A^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(B) = \det(5A^2) = 5^3 [\det(A)]^2$$

$$= 125(6)^2 = 4500 \quad [\text{given } \det A = 6]$$

258 (b)

Given,  $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x & 1 + \sin x & \cos x \\ 1 & \log(1+x) & 2 \\ x^2 & 1+x^2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$

$$= x\{-2(1+x^2)\} - (1+\sin x)(-2x^2) + \cos x\{1+x^2 - x^2 \log(1+x)\}$$

$$= -2x - 2x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x^2 \sin x + \cos x\{1+x^2 - x^2 \log(1+x)\}$$

$\therefore$  Coefficient of  $x$  in  $f(x) = -2$

259 (c)

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

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ bc & c(a-b) & a(b-c) \\ b+c & (a-b) & (b-c) \end{vmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} [C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1] \\ [C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_2] \end{matrix}$$

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

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

260 (b)

Since,  $\Delta(1) = 0$  and  $\Delta'(1) = 0$  so,  $(x-1)^2$  is a factor of  $\Delta(x)$

261 (d)

On putting  $\lambda = 0$ , we get

$$t = \begin{vmatrix} b^2 + c^2 & a^2 & a^2 \\ b^2 & c^2 + a^2 & b^2 \\ c^2 & c^2 & a^2 + b^2 \end{vmatrix} = 4a^2b^2c^2$$

Clearly, it depends on  $a, b, c$ .

262 (c)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } \Delta &= \begin{vmatrix} 10! & 11! & 12! \\ 11! & 12! & 13! \\ 12! & 13! & 14! \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (10!)(11!)(12!) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 11 & 11 \times 12 \\ 1 & 12 & 12 \times 13 \\ 1 & 13 & 13 \times 14 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (10!)(11!)(12!) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 11 & 11 \times 12 \\ 0 & 1 & 24 \\ 0 & 2 & 50 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2(10!)(11!)(12!) \end{aligned}$$

263 (b)

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \det(A_1) &= \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ b & a \end{vmatrix} = a^2 - b^2 \\ \det(A_2) &= \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & b^2 \\ b^2 & a^2 \end{vmatrix} = a^4 - b^4 \\ \therefore \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \det(A_i) &= \det(A_1) + \det(A_2) + \dots \\ &= a^2 - b^2 + a^4 - b^4 + \dots \\ &= \frac{a^2}{1 - a^2} - \frac{b^2}{1 - b^2} = \frac{a^2 - b^2}{(1 - a^2)(1 - b^2)} \end{aligned}$$

264 (c)

Since,  $A$  is a singular matrix

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore |A| &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & x \\ 4 & -1 & 7 \\ 2 & 4 & -6 \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 1(6 - 28) - 2(-24 - 14) + x[16 + 2] &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow -22 + 76 + 18x &= 0 \Rightarrow x = -3 \end{aligned}$$

265 (b)

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} x & p & q \\ p & x & q \\ p & q & x \end{vmatrix} &= \begin{vmatrix} x+p+q & p & q \\ x+p+q & x & q \\ x+p+q & q & x \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (x+p+q) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & p & q \\ 1 & x & q \\ 1 & q & x \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (x+p+q) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & p & q \\ 0 & x-p & 0 \\ 0 & q-p & x-q \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (x+p+q) \begin{vmatrix} x-p & 0 \\ q-p & x-q \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (x-p)(x-q)(x+p+q) \end{aligned}$$

266 (b)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have, } \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 & 20 \\ 1 & -2 & 5 \\ 1 & 2x & 5x^2 \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 6 & 15 \\ 0 & -2-2x & 5(1-x^2) \\ 1 & 2x & 5x^2 \end{vmatrix} & \\ &= 0 \begin{pmatrix} R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2 \\ \text{and } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -(1+x) & 1-x^2 \\ 1 & x & x^2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

(Taking common, 3 from  $R_1$ , 2 from  $C_2$ , 5 from  $C_3$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (1+x) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1-x \\ 1 & x & x^2 \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (1+x)(2-x) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow x+1 = 0 \text{ or } x-2 = 0 &\Rightarrow x = -1, 2 \end{aligned}$$

267 (d)

$$\begin{aligned} x + iy = -3i \begin{vmatrix} 6i & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 & -1 \\ 20 & i & i \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow x = 0, \quad y = 0 \end{aligned}$$

268 (a)

We have,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= \begin{vmatrix} \cos(\alpha + \beta) & -\sin(\alpha + \beta) & \cos 2\beta \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & \sin \beta \\ -\sin \alpha & \sin \alpha & \cos \beta \end{vmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \Delta &= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cos 2\beta + 1 \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & \sin \beta \\ -\cos \alpha & \sin \alpha & \cos \beta \end{vmatrix} \\ \left[ \text{Applying } R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 \right] & \\ \Rightarrow \Delta &= (\cos 2\beta + 1)(\sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha) \\ &= \cos 2\beta + 1, \end{aligned}$$

Which is independent of  $\alpha$

269 (d)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Given } \begin{vmatrix} x+1 & x+2 & x+a \\ x+2 & x+3 & x+b \\ x+3 & x+4 & x+c \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\ \text{Applying } R_1 \rightarrow +R_1 + R_3 - 2R_2, \text{ we get} & \\ \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & a+c-2b \\ x+2 & x+3 & x+b \\ x+3 & x+4 & x+c \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (a+c-2b)[x^2+6x+8 - (x^2+6x+9)] &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (a+c-2b)(-1) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 2b &= a+c \\ \Rightarrow a, b, c \text{ are in AP} \end{aligned}$$

270 (a)

We have,

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} 1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+c \end{vmatrix} & \\ = abc \begin{vmatrix} 1+\frac{1}{a} & \frac{1}{a} & \frac{1}{a} \\ \frac{1}{b} & 1+\frac{1}{b} & \frac{1}{b} \\ \frac{1}{c} & \frac{1}{c} & 1+\frac{1}{c} \end{vmatrix} & \begin{matrix} \text{Applying } R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \left(\frac{1}{b}\right), R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \left(\frac{1}{c}\right) \end{matrix} \end{aligned}$$

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

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3$

$$= abc \left(1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right) \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{b} & 1 + \frac{1}{b} & \frac{1}{b} \\ \frac{1}{c} & \frac{1}{c} & 1 + \frac{1}{c} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= abc \left(1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right) \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{b} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{b} & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{c} & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Applying } C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1 \\ C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$= abc \left(1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)$$

271 (a)

On putting  $x = 0$ , we observe that the determinant becomes zero.

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

$$= a(bc) - b(ac) = 0$$

Hence,  $x = 0$  is a root of the given equation

272 (a)

$$\sum_{r=0}^n D_r = \begin{vmatrix} \sum_{r=0}^n r & 1 & \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\ 2 \sum_{r=0}^n r - \sum_{r=0}^n 1 & 4 & n^2 \\ \sum_{r=0}^n 2^{r-1} & 5 & 2^n - 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

[ $\because$  two columns are identical]

273 (b)

Given,  $f(\alpha) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 \\ \alpha & \alpha^2 & 1 \\ \alpha^2 & 1 & \alpha \end{vmatrix}$

$$= 1(\alpha^3 - 1) - \alpha(\alpha^2 - \alpha^2) + \alpha^2(\alpha - \alpha^4)$$

$$= \alpha^3 - 1 - 0 + \alpha^3 - \alpha^6$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\sqrt[3]{3}) = 3 - 1 - 0 + 3 - 3^2 = 6 - 10 = -4$$

274 (c)

We have,

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 2a_1b_1 & a_1b_2 + a_2b_1 & a_1b_3 + a_3b_1 \\ a_1b_2 + a_2b_1 & 2a_2b_2 & a_2b_3 + a_3b_2 \\ a_1b_3 + a_3b_1 & a_3b_2 + a_2b_3 & 2a_3b_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

This can be written as

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & 0 \\ a_2 & b_2 & 0 \\ a_3 & b_3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & a_1 & 0 \\ b_2 & a_2 & 0 \\ b_3 & a_3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

275 (a)

$$a_{11}A_{11} + a_{12}A_{12} + a_{13}A_{13}$$

$$= 3 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 \end{vmatrix} + 4 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 3(12 - 2) - 2(6 - 3) + 4(2 - 6)$$

$$= 30 - 6 - 16 = 8$$

276 (c)

We have,

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

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

[Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \{3x - (a + b + c)\}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{3}(a + b + c) \quad [$$

$$\because a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - ab - bc - ca \neq 0]$$

277 (b)

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$ , we obtain

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & p & q \\ p & x & q \\ q & q & x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} x + p + q & p & q \\ x + p + q & x & q \\ c + p + q & q & x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (x + p + q) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & p & q \\ 1 & x & q \\ 1 & q & x \end{vmatrix}$$

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

[Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$ ,  
 $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$ ]

$$= (x + p + q)(x - p)(x - q) \quad [\text{Expanding along } C_1]$$

278 (a)

Let

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2x & (x - 1) & x \\ 3x(x - 1) & (x - 1)(x - 2) & x(x - 1) \end{vmatrix} \quad f(x) =$$

$f(x) =$



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

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

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

$$= (x - 1)[-2x + 2x] = 0$$

$$\therefore f(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(50) = 0$$