

DETERMINANT

DEFINITION :-

Each square matrix A of order “n” there is associated an expression which has a fixed value is called the determinant of A, denoted by det A or |A| of order n.

$$\text{IF } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & a_{n3} & \dots & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Then:-

$$\text{Det } A = |A| = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & a_{n3} & \dots & \dots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix}$$

value of a determinant of order 1:-

the value of a determinant of a (1 x 1) matrix [a] is defined as |a| = a

value of a determinant of order 2 :-

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix} = (a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21})$$

Eg:- $\begin{vmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ 7 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 6 \times (-2) - 7 \times (-3) \\
&= -12 + 21 \\
&= 9
\end{aligned}$$

Minor of a_{ij} in $|A|$:-

The minor of an element a_{ij} in $|A|$ is defined as the value of the determinant obtained by deleting the i^{th} row and j^{th} column of $|A|$ and it is denoted by M_{ij} .

Cofactor of a_{ij} in $|A|$:-

The cofactor C_{ij} of an element a_{ij} is defined as

$$C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \cdot M_{ij}$$

eg. Find the minors and cofactors of the elements of the determinant .

$$A = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

to find minor M_{11} of element a_{11} that occurs in 1^{st} row and 1^{st} column. we delete the 1^{st} row and 1^{th} column

$$\therefore M_{11} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = (a_{22} a_{33} - a_{32} a_{23})$$

similarly :-

$$M_{12} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = (a_{21} a_{33} - a_{23} a_{31})$$

$$M_{21} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = (a_{12} a_{33} - a_{32} a_{13})$$

now cofactor of a_{ij} is :-

$$C_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} \cdot M_{11} = (a_{22} a_{33} - a_{32} a_{23})$$

$$C_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} M_{12} = - (a_{21} a_{33} - a_{23} a_{31}) = (a_{23} a_{31} - a_{21} a_{33})$$

$$C_{21} = (-1)^{2+1} M_{21} = - (a_{12} a_{33} - a_{32} a_{13}) = (a_{32} a_{13} - a_{12} a_{33})$$

Value of a determinant :-

The value of a determinant is the sum of the products of elements of a row (or a column) with their corresponding cofactors.

Expansion of a determinant :-

Expanding the given determinant by 1st row ,and we have

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= a_{11} \cdot (\text{its cofactor}) + a_{12}(\text{its cofactor}) + a_{13} \cdot (\text{its cofactor})$$

$$= a_{11} \cdot (a_{22} a_{33} - a_{32} a_{23}) - a_{12} \cdot (a_{21} a_{33} - a_{31} a_{23}) + a_{13} \cdot (a_{21} a_{32} - a_{31} a_{22})$$

Note :-1

If we expand a determinant by any row or column using minors ,we following symbols for a determinant of order three.

$$\begin{vmatrix} + & - & + \\ - & + & - \\ + & - & + \end{vmatrix}$$

Note 2:- if a row or a column of a determinant consist of all zero , the value of the determinant is zero .

Properties of determinant :-

1 :- the value of a determinant remains unchanged if its rows and columns are interchanged.

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

Interchanging the rows and column of A

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } A' &= \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= A. \end{aligned}$$

2 :- If a is a square matrix then $|A'| = |A|$

3 :- If two rows or columns of a determinate are interchanged then the determinant retain its absolute value but its sign is changed.

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

interchanging any two rows ,say 1st and 3rd row

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta' &= \begin{vmatrix} a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -\Delta \end{aligned}$$

4 :- if any two rows or columns of a determinant are identical then its value is zero.

$$\text{If } A = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \end{vmatrix}$$

we can see row 1 and row 3 are identical then the value of determinant is

$$|A| = 0$$

5:- For a square matrix A of order n:

$$|KA| = K^n |A|$$

- **Steps to find the value of determinant by elementary transformation :-**

I :- by interchanging i^{th} and j^{th} rows or column

II :- after elementary transformation take common

III :- on expanding

QUEST :- prove that

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

SOL :- let

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

Apply $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3$

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

Taking $(a+b+c)$ common from R_1

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

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

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

Expanding by R_1

$$= (a+b+c) [1\{-(a+b+c) \times -(a+b+c) - 0\}]$$

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

$$= (a+b+c)^3 \quad \text{proved}$$

Area of a triangle in determinant form :-

Area of a triangle whose vertices are $A(x_1, y_1)$, $B(x_2, y_2)$ and $C(x_3, y_3)$ is given by,

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{2} [x_1 (y_2 - y_3) + x_2 (y_3 - y_1) + x_3 (y_1 - y_2)]$$

- If area of triangle is zero then the three points A.B.C. are collinear
- $\Delta ABC = 0 \Leftrightarrow A, B, C$ are collinear.

MODEL QUESTIONS

SECTION A

1 MARKS QUESTION

QUESTION 1:- Evaluate the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} \sin 70^\circ & -\cos 70^\circ \\ \sin 20^\circ & \cos 20^\circ \end{vmatrix}$$

SOLUTION :-

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{vmatrix} \sin 70^\circ & -\cos 70^\circ \\ \sin 20^\circ & \cos 20^\circ \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \sin 70^\circ \cos 20^\circ - (-\cos 70^\circ \sin 20^\circ) \\ &= \sin 70^\circ \cos 20^\circ + \cos 70^\circ \sin 20^\circ \\ &= \sin (70^\circ + 20^\circ) \\ &= \sin 90^\circ \\ &= 1 \text{ ans.} \end{aligned}$$

QUESTION 2 :- Find the value of (x)

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & 2 \\ 18 & x \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 18 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$$

SOLUTION:- $\begin{vmatrix} x & 2 \\ 18 & x \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 18 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 36 = 36 - 36$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 36 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = 36$$

$$\therefore x = 6 \text{ ans.}$$

QUESTION.3:- Find the minors of $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -4 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

SOLUTION :- $M_{11} = 1$

$$M_{12} = -4$$

$$M_{21} = 3$$

$$M_{22} = 2$$

$$\therefore M_{ij} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{ans.}$$

QUESTION 4 :- Evaluate :-

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4 & 9 & 7 \\ 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 5 & 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

SOLUTION :- let

$$A = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 9 & 7 \\ 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 5 & 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding by R_1

$$= 4(5 \times 5 - 7 \times 4) - 9(3 \times 5 - 7 \times 5) + 7(3 \times 4 - 5 \times 5)$$

$$= 4(25 - 28) - 9(15 - 35) + 7(12 - 25)$$

$$= 4 \times (-3) - 9 \times (-20) + 7 \times (-13)$$

$$= -12 + 180 - 91$$

$$= 77 \text{ ans.}$$

SECTION [B]

4 MARKS QUESTION

QUESTION.1:-

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & a+b & a+b+c \\ 2a & 3a+2b & 4a+3b+2c \\ 3a & 6a+3b & 10a+6b+3c \end{vmatrix} = a^3$$

SOLUTION:-

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{vmatrix} a & a+b & a+b+c \\ 2a & 3a+2b & 4a+3b+2c \\ 3a & 6a+3b & 10a+6b+3c \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$

$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} a & a+b & a+b+c \\ 0 & a & 2a+b \\ 0 & 3a & 7a+3b \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_2$

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

Expanding along C_1

$$= a [a \times a - 0]$$

$$= a^3 \text{ proved}$$

QUESTION 2 :- Prove that .

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

SOLUTION :- Let

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

Applying $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_3$

$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3$

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

Taking (a-c) and (b-c) common from R_1 and R_2 respectively

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

Applying $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$

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

Expanding along R_1 we get

$$=(a-c)(b-c)[a-b(0-1)]$$

$$=(a-c)(b-c)(a-b)(-1)$$

$$= \mathbf{(a-b)(b-c)(c-a) \text{ proved.}}$$

QUESTION 3 :- prove that

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

SOLUTION :-

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

Applying $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$

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

Taking $(1+x^2+x^2)$ common from c_1

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

Applying $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$

$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$

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

Expanding along c_1

$$= (1 + x^2 + x^2) [1 \{(1-x)(1-x^2) - (x-x^2)(x^2-x)\}]$$

$$= (1 + x^2 + x^2) [1 - x^2 - x + x^3 - x^3 + x^2 + x^4 - x^3]$$

$$= (1 + x^2 + x^2) [1 - x - x^3 + x^4]$$

$$= 1 + x + x^2 - x - x^2 - x^3 - x^3 - x^4 - x^5 + x^4 + x^5 + x^6$$

$$= 1 - 2x^3 + x^6$$

$$= (1 - x^3)^2 \text{ proved.}$$

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