Determinants

Example 6 : Evaluate the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ \omega & \omega^2 & 1 \\ \omega^2 & 1 & \omega \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{where } \omega \text{ is a cube root of unity.}$$

Solution :
$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \omega & 2 \\ \omega & \omega^2 & 1 \\ \omega^2 & 1 & \omega \end{vmatrix}$$
$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 + \omega + \omega^2 \\ \omega & \omega^2 \\ 1 + \omega + \omega^2 \\ 1 & \omega \end{vmatrix} \quad (By C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3)$$
$$= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ 1 + \omega + \omega^2 \\ 1 + \omega + \omega^2 \\ 1 & \omega \end{vmatrix} \quad (\because 1 + \omega + \omega^2 = 0)$$
$$= 0 [\because C_1 \text{ consists of all zero entries}].$$

2. Using determinant, find the area of the triangle whose vertices are (-3, 5), (3, -6) and (7, 2).

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 5 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 1 \\ 10 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 5 & 1 \\ 6 & -11 & 0 \\ 10 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (By applying } \mathbb{R}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_2 - \mathbb{R}_1 \text{ and } \mathbb{R}_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_3 - \mathbb{R}_1 \text{)}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & |-18 + 110 \rangle | \\ = \frac{1}{2} \times 92 = 46 \text{ square units} \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Use the principle of mathematical induction to show that $2 + 2^2 + ... + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 2$ for every natural number n.

Q1.

Let P_n denote the statement

 $2 + 2^{2} + \dots + 2^{n} = 2^{n+1} - 2$ When n = 1, P_n becomes $2 = 2^{1+1} - 2 \text{ or } 2 = 4 - 2$ This shows that the result holds for n = 1. Assume that P_k is true for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$. That is, assume that $2 + 2^{2} + \dots + 2^{k} = 2^{k+1} - 2$

We shall now show that truth of P_k implies the truth of P_{k+1} is

$$2 + 2^{2} + \dots + 2^{k} + 2^{k+1} = 2^{k+1} - 2$$
(1)
LHS of (1) = 2 + 2^{2} + \dots + 2^{k} + 2^{k+1} = (2^{k+1} - 2) + 2^{k+1} = 2^{k+1} (1 + 1) - 2 = 2^{k+1} 2 - 2 = 2^{k+2} - 2 = RHS of (1)

This shows that the result holds for n = k+1; therefore, the truth of P_k implies the truth of P_{k+1} . The two steps required for a proof by mathematical induction have been completed, so our statement is true for each natural number n.

4. Find the sum of all integers between 100 and 1000 which are divisible by 9.

Solution : The first integer greater than 100 and divisible by 9 is 108 and the integer just smaller than 1000 and divisible by 9 is 999. Thus, we have to find the sum of the series.

 $108 + 117 + 126 + \dots + 999.$

Here $t_1 = a = 108$, d = 9 and l = 999

Let n be the total number of terms in the series be n. Then

 $999 = 108 + 9 (n - 1) \implies 111 = 12 + (n - 1) \implies n = 100$

Hence, the required sum $=\frac{n}{2}(a+l)=\frac{100}{2}(108+999)$

= 50 (1107) = 55350.

5. Check the continuity of the function f(x) at x = 0:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{|x|}{x}, & x \neq 0\\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

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Since $|x| = \begin{cases} x, x \neq 0 \\ -x, x < 0 \end{cases}$
 $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, x \neq 0 \\ -1, x < 0 \end{cases}$
So, $\lim_{x \to 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \to 0} (1) = 1 \text{ and } 1$
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& + \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left(\ln \eta\right)^{2} \\
\end{aligned}$$
or
$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{dy}{dx} = \ln x \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{\pi^{2}}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\pi} \\
& = -\frac{1}{\pi^{2}} \cdot \ln x + \frac{1}{\pi^{2}} \\
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Then
$$\begin{aligned}
& 2nd \text{ order deminstrike} \\
& \frac{d^{2}y}{dx^{2}} = \frac{1}{\pi^{2}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left(1 - \ln x\right) + \left(1 - \ln x\right) \cdot \left(-\frac{2}{\pi^{2}}\right) \\
& = -\frac{1}{\pi^{2}} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{\pi}\right) - \frac{2}{\pi^{2}} \left(1 - \ln x\right) \\
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& = -\frac{1}{\pi^{2}} - \frac{2}{\pi^{2}} + \frac{2\ln x}{\pi^{2}} \\
& = -\frac{1 - 2 + 2\ln x}{\pi^{3}} \\
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\end{aligned}$$

7. If the mid-points of the consecutive sides of a quadrilateral are joined, then show (by using vectors) that they form a parallelogram.

Solution: Let \vec{a} , \vec{b} , \vec{c} , \vec{d} be the positon vectors of the vertices A, B, C, D of the quadrilateral ABCD. Let *P*, *Q*, *R*, *S* be the mid-points of sides AB, BC, CD, DA respectively. Then the position vectors of P, Q, R and S are $\frac{1}{2}(\vec{a} + \vec{b}), \frac{1}{2}(\vec{b} + \vec{c}), \frac{1}{2}(\vec{c} + \vec{d})$ and $\frac{1}{2}(\vec{d} + \vec{a})$ respectively.



Now, $\overrightarrow{PQ} = \overrightarrow{PQ} - \overrightarrow{PQ} = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{b} + \vec{c}) - \frac{1}{2}(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{c} - \vec{a})$ or $\overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{BC} + \overrightarrow{CA}$ (\because $\overrightarrow{CA} = -\overrightarrow{AC}$) \therefore $\overrightarrow{PQ} = \overrightarrow{SR}$ \Rightarrow PQ = SR and also $PQ \parallel SR$.

Since a pair of opposite sides are equal and parallel, therefore, PQRS is a parallelogram.

8. Find the scalar component of projection of the vector

$$\mathbf{a} = \hat{2}\mathbf{i} + \hat{3}\mathbf{j} + \hat{5}\mathbf{k} \text{ on the vector } \mathbf{b} = \hat{2}\mathbf{i} - \hat{2}\mathbf{j} - \hat{\mathbf{k}}.$$
Solution : Scalar projection of \vec{a} on $\vec{b} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|}$
Here, $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 2.2 + 3 (-2) + 5(-1) = -7$
and $|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-2)^2 + (-1)^2} = 3$
 \therefore Scalar projection of \vec{a} on $\vec{b} = \frac{-7}{3}$
9. Solve the following system of linear equations using
Cramer's rule: $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{3}$
(b) Here,
 $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$
 $= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ [Applying $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1$]

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(Expanding along R₁)

Since $\Delta \neq 0$, \therefore the given system has unique solution,



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Now,
$$\Delta x = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2$$

$$\Delta y = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -2$$

and $\Delta z = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 4$

Hence by Cramer's Rule

$$x = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

$$y = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta} = \frac{-2}{2} = -1 \text{ and}$$

$$z = \frac{\Delta z}{\Delta} = \frac{4}{2} = 2$$
10. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 \\ b & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $(A + B)^2 = A^2 + B^2$, Find a and b.
(4 Marks)

We have
$$(A + B)^2 = (A + B)(A + B)$$

= $(A+B)A + (A+B)B$ (Distributive Law)
= $AA + BA + AB + BB$
= $A^2 + BA + AB + B^2$

Therefore, $(A + B)^2 = A^2 + B^2$

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

$$\Rightarrow BA + AB = 0.$$

Thus, we must find a and b such that BA + AB = 0.

We have BA =
$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 1 \\ b & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a+2 & -a-1 \\ b-2 & -b+1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and AB = $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 \\ b & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a-b & 2 \\ 2a-b & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

Therefore,

$$BA + AB = \begin{bmatrix} a+2 & -a-1 \\ b-2 & -b+1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a-b & 2 \\ 2a-b & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2a-b+2 & -a+1 \\ 2a-2 & -b+4 \end{bmatrix}$$

But BA + AB = 0

$$\Rightarrow 2a - b + 2 = 0, -a + 1 = 0, 2a - 2 = 0, -b + 4 = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow a = 1, b = 4$$

11. Reduce the matrix A(given below) to normal form and hence find its rank.

(4 Marks)

 $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ Solution : $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ Applying $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3$, we have $A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ Applying $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 5R_1$, we have $A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 8 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ Applying elementary row operations $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2$ and $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 8R_2$, we have $A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ Now, we apply elementary column operation $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_2$, to get $A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ Again, applying $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1$, we have $A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

We have thus reduced A to normal form.

Also, note that the rank of a matrix remains unaltered under elementary operations.

Thus, rank of A in above example is 2 because rank of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is 2.

In this regard, we state following theorem without proof.

Theorum : Every matrix of rank r is equivalent to the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} I_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

12. Show that n(n+1)(2n+1) is a multiple of 6 for every natural number n.

Solution : Let P_n denote the statement n(n + 1) (2n + 1) is a multiple of 6. When n = 1, P_n becomes 1(1 + 1) ((2)(1) + 1) = (1)(2)(3) = 6 is a multiple of 6. This shows that the result is true for n = 1.

Assume that P_k is true for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$. That is assume that k(k+1)(2k+1) is a multiple of 6.

Let k(k+1)(2k+1) = 6 m for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$. We now show that the truth of P_k implies the truth of P_{k+1} , where P_{k+1} is (k+1)(k+2) [2(k+1)+1] = (k+1)(k+2) (2k+3) is a multiple of 6.

We have

$$(k+1) (k+2) (2k+3)$$

$$= (k+1) (k+2) [(2k+1)+2]$$

$$= (k+1) [k (2k+1) + 2(2k+1) + 4)]$$

$$= (k+1) [k (2k+1) + 6 (k+1)]$$

$$= k (k+1) (2k+1) + 6 (k+1)^{2}$$

$$= 6m + 6 (k+1)^{2} = 6[m + (k+1)^{2}]$$

Thus (k + 1) (k + 2) (2k + 3) is multiple of 6.

This shows that the result holds for n = k+1; therefore, the truth of P_k implies the truth of P_{k+1} . The two steps required for a proof by mathematical induction have been completed, so our statement is true for each natural number n.

13. Find the sum of an infinite G.P. whose first term is 28 and fourth term is $\frac{4}{49}$. (4 Marks)

$$a = 28, \qquad ar^3 = \frac{4}{49}$$
$$\Rightarrow r^3 = \frac{4}{49} \times \frac{1}{28} = \frac{1}{7^3}$$
$$\Rightarrow r = 1/7$$

Thus, S = $\frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{28}{1-1/7} = \frac{28 \times 7}{6} = \frac{98}{3}$

14. Use De Moivre's theorem to find $(\sqrt{3} + i)^3$.

Solution : We first put $\sqrt{3} + i$ in the polar form.

Let
$$\sqrt{3} + i = r (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$

 $\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = r \cos \theta$ and $1 = r \sin \theta$
 $\Rightarrow (\sqrt{3})^2 + 1^2 = r^2(\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)$
 $\Rightarrow r^2 = 4 \Rightarrow r = 2$
Thus, $\sqrt{3} + i = 2(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$
 $\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = 2 \cos \theta$ and $1 = 2\sin \theta$
 $\Rightarrow 2 \cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ and $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$
 $\Rightarrow \theta = 30^{\circ}$.
Now, $(\sqrt{3} + i)^3 = [2\cos(30^{\circ}) + i \sin(30^{\circ})]^3$
 $= 2^3 [\cos(30^{\circ}) + i \sin(30^{\circ})]^3$
 $= 8 [\cos(3 \times 30^{\circ}) + i \sin(3 \times 30^{\circ}))] [De Moivre's theorem]$
 $= 8 (\cos 90^{\circ} + i \sin 90^{\circ}) = 8(0 + i)$
 $= 8i$

15. If 1, ω , ω^2 are cube roots unity, show that $(2-\omega)(2-\omega^2)(2-\omega^{10})(2-\omega^{11}) = 49$.

(ii) Since
$$\omega^{10} = (\omega^3)^3 \ \omega = \omega$$

and $\omega^{11} = (\omega^3)^3 \ \omega^2 = \omega^2$,
Thus $(2-\omega) \ (2-\omega^2) \ (2-\omega^{10}) \ (2-\omega^{11})$
 $= (2-\omega)(2-\omega^2) \ (2-\omega)(2-\omega^2)$
 $= [(2-\omega)(2-\omega^2)]^2$
 $= [4-2\omega - 2\omega^2 + \omega^3]^2$
 $= [4-2(\omega + \omega^2) + 1]^2$
 $= [4-2(-1) + 1]^2$ [$\because \omega + \omega^2 = -1$]
 $= 7^2 = 49$

16. Solve the equation 2x3 - 15x2 + 37x - 30 = 0, given that the roots of the equation are in A.P.

Example 6 : Solve the equation

$$2x^3 - 15x^4 + 37x - 30 = 0 \tag{1}$$

If the roots of the equation are in A.P.

Solution : Recall three numbers in A.P. can be taken as $\alpha - \beta$, α , $\alpha + \beta$.

If $\alpha - \beta$, α , $\alpha + \beta$ are roots of (1), then $(\alpha - \beta) + \alpha + (\alpha + \beta) = 15/2 \Rightarrow 3\alpha = 15/2$ $\Rightarrow \alpha = 5/2$ Next, $\alpha (\alpha - \beta) + \alpha (\alpha + \beta) (\alpha - \beta) (\alpha + \beta) = 37/2$ $\Rightarrow \alpha^2 - \alpha\beta + \alpha^2 + \alpha\beta + \alpha^2 - \beta^2 = 37/2$ $\Rightarrow 3\alpha^2 - \beta^2 = 37/2$ $\Rightarrow \beta^2 = 3\alpha^2 - \frac{37}{2} = 3 \times \frac{25}{4} - \frac{37}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$ $\Rightarrow \beta = \pm \frac{1}{2}$ When $\beta = \frac{1}{2}$, the roots are $\frac{5}{2} - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{2}, \frac{5}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$, or $2, \frac{5}{2}, 3$ When $\beta = -\frac{1}{2}$, the roots are 3, 5/2 2.

It is easily to check that these are roots of (1).

17. A young child is flying a kite which is at height of 50 m. The wind is carrying the kite horizontally away from the child at a speed of 6.5 m/s. How fast must the kite string be let out when the string is 130m ?

Solution: Let h be the horizontal distance of the kite from the point directly over the child's head 5. Let l be the length of kite string from the child to the kite at time t. [See Fig. 1] Then



Differentiating both the sides with respect to t, we get

$$2l \frac{dl}{dt} = 2h \frac{dh}{dt} \text{ or } l \frac{dl}{dt} = h \frac{dh}{dt}$$

We are given $\frac{dh}{dt} = 6.5 \ m/s$. We are interested to find dl/dt when l = 130. But when l = 130, $h^2 = l^2 - 50^2 = 130^2 - 50^2 = 14400$ or h = 120.

Thus,
$$\frac{dl}{dt} = \frac{120}{130} \times 6.5 = 5 m/s.$$

This shows that the string should be let out at a rate of 6 m/s.

18. Using first derivative test, find the local maxima and minima of the function $f(x) = x^3 - 12x$. (4 Marks)

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$$f(x) = x^3 - 12x$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x, we get

 $f'(x) = 3 x^2 - 12 = 3(x^2 - 4) = 2(x-2)(x+2)$

Setting f'(x) = 0, we obtain x = 2, -2 Thus, x = -2, and x = 2 are the only critical numbers of f. Fig. 35 shows the sign of derivative f' in three intervals.



From figure 35 it is clear that if x < -2, f'(x) > 0; if -2 < x < 2, f'(x) < 0and if x > 2, f'(x) > 0.

Using the first derivative test, we conclude that

f(x) has a local maximum at x = -2 and a local minimum at x = 2.

Now, $f(-2) = (-2)^3 - 12(-2) = -8 + 24 = 16$ is the value of local maximum at x = -2 and $f(2) = 2^3 - 12(2) = 8 - 24 = -16$ is the value of the local minimum at x = 2.

19. Evaluate the integral I= $\int \frac{x^2}{(x+1)^3} dx$

Solution : To evaluate an integral of the form

$$\int \frac{P(x)}{(a+bx)^r} \, dx, \text{ we put } a+bx=t.$$

So, we put $x + 1 = t \Rightarrow dx = dt$

and I =
$$\int \frac{(t+1)^2}{t^3} dt = \int \frac{t^2 + 2t + 1}{t^3} dt$$

= $\int \left(\frac{1}{t} - 2t^{-2} + t^{-3}\right) dt$
= $\log|t| - \frac{2t^{-1}}{-1} + \frac{t^{-2}}{-2} + c$
= $\log|t| + \frac{2}{t} - \frac{1}{2t^2} + c$
= $\log|x+1| - \frac{2}{x+1} + \frac{1}{2(x+1)^2} + c$

20. Find the length of the curve $y = 3 + \frac{x}{2}$ from (0, 3) to (2, 4).

We have

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}$$

A(0,3)

Required length

$$= \int_{0}^{2} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^{2}} dx$$
$$= \int_{0}^{2} \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{4}} dx = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \int_{0}^{2} dx = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \left|_{x}\right|_{0}^{2} = \sqrt{5} \text{ units}$$