

# Exercise 4.2

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Using the property of determinants and without expanding in Exercises 1 to 7, prove that:

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

# Solution:

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L.H.S.

\begin{vmatrix} x & a & x+a \\ y & b & y+b \\ z & c & z+c \end{vmatrix}
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Applying:  $C_1 + C_2$ 

x+a	а	x + a
y + b	Ь	y + b
z + c	с	z + c

Elements of Column 1 and Column 2 are same. So determinant value is zero as per determinant properties.

= RHS

Proved.

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2. \begin{vmatrix} a-b & b-c & a-a \\ b-c & c-a & a-b \\ c-a & a-b & b-c \end{vmatrix} = 0
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### Solution:

 $\begin{array}{cccc} a-b & b-c & a-a \\ b-c & c-a & a-b \\ c-a & a-b & b-c \end{array}$ 



Applying: 
$$C_1 \to C_1 + C_2 + C_3$$
  
=  $\begin{vmatrix} 0 & b - c & a - a \\ 0 & c - a & a - b \\ 0 & a - b & b - c \end{vmatrix}$   
= 0

All entries of first column are zero. (As per determinant properties)

65 7 75 = 0 8 3 9 86 5 3.

# Solution:

- 65 2 7
- 75 8
- 3 5 9 86

Applying:  $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1$ 

2	7	65		2	7	7
3	8	72	=	93	8	8
5	9	81		5	9	9

Elements of 2 columns are same, so determinant is zero.

= 0 Proved.

### 4.

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

1	bc	a(b+c)
1	са	b(c+a)
1	ab	c(a+b)

Applying:  $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + C_2$ 

 $\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & bc & ab+ab+ac \\ 1 & ca & ab+ab+ac \\ 1 & ab & ab+ab+ac \end{array}$ 

(ab + ab + ac) is a common element in 3<sup>rd</sup> row.

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

Two columns are identical, so determinant is zero.

#### = 0

#### 5. Prove that

### Solution:

LHS: Applying:  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3$ 

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



Applying:

 $R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1} - R_{2}$ and  $R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3} - R_{1}$   $2\begin{vmatrix} b & q & y \\ c+a & r+p & z+x \\ a & p & x \end{vmatrix}$ 

Again, 
$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3$$

Interchanging rows, we have

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

Proved.

### 6. Prove that

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

### Solution:

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

Taking (-1) common from all the 3 rows. Again, interchanging rows and columns, we have

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



 $\Delta = -\Delta$ 

Which shows that,  $2\Delta = 0$  or  $\Delta = 0$ . Proved.

### 7. Prove that

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\begin{vmatrix} -a^2 & ab & ac \\ ba & -b^2 & bc \\ ca & cb & -c^2 \end{vmatrix} = 4a^2b^2c^2
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### Solution: LHS:

 $\begin{array}{rcrcc}
-a^2 & ab & ac \\
ba & -b^2 & bc \\
ca & cb & -c^2
\end{array}$ 

Taking a, b, c from row 1, row and row 3 respectively,

$$= abc \begin{vmatrix} -a & a & a \\ a & -b & b \\ a & b & -c \end{vmatrix}$$
$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2$$
$$= abc \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2c \\ a & -b & c \\ a & b & -c \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= abc(2c) \begin{vmatrix} a & -b \\ a & b \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= 2abc^{2}(ab + ab)$$
$$= 4a^{2}b^{2}c^{2}$$
$$= RHS$$

Proved.



By using properties of determinants, in Exercises 8 to 14, show that: 8.

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

# Solution:

# (i)LHS: $1 a a^2$ $1 b b^2$ $c c^2$ $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$ and $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$ $= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 0 & b-a & b^2-a^2 \\ 1 & c-a & c^2-a^2 \end{vmatrix}$ Expanding 1<sup>st</sup> column, $= 1 \begin{vmatrix} b - a & b^2 - a^2 \\ c - a & c^2 - a^2 \end{vmatrix}$

Taking (b-a) common from first row,

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

Simplifying above expression, we have

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

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

= RHS

Proved.



(ii) LHS

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

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

Expanding first row

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

=RHS

Proved

9. Prove that

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



### Solution: LHS

 $\begin{array}{cccc} x & x^2 & yz \\ y & y^2 & zx \\ z & z^2 & xy \end{array}$ 

Mulitiplying  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$  by x, y, z respectively





# 10.

(i) 
$$\begin{vmatrix} x+4 & 2x & 2x \\ 2x & x+4 & 2x \\ 2x & 2x & x+4 \end{vmatrix} = (5x+4)(4-x)^2$$
  
(ii)  $\begin{vmatrix} y+k & y & y \\ y & y+k & y \\ y & y+k & y \\ y & y & y+k \end{vmatrix} = k^2(3y+k)$ 

# Solution:

(i) LHS

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

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

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

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

$$C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1 \text{ and } C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1$$

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

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

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

$$= \text{RHS (Proved)}$$



(ii)LHS

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 $\begin{vmatrix} y+k & y & y \\ y & y+k & y \\ y & 2x & y+k \end{vmatrix}$   $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{2}+C_{3}$   $= \begin{vmatrix} 3y+k & y & y \\ 3y+k & y+k & y \\ 3y+k & y & y+k \end{vmatrix}$   $= (3y+k)\begin{vmatrix} 1 & y & y \\ 1 & y+k & y \\ 1 & y+k & y \\ 1 & y & y+k \end{vmatrix}$   $C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2} - C_{1} \text{ and } C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3} - C_{1}$   $= (3y+k)\begin{vmatrix} 1 & y & y \\ 0 & k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k \end{vmatrix}$   $= (3y+k) \cdot 1\begin{vmatrix} k & 0 \\ 0 & k \end{vmatrix}$   $= k^{2}(3y+k)$ 

RHS (Proved)

#### 11. Prove that,

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

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

#### Solution: LHS

a-b-c	2a	2a
2b	b-c-a	2b
2c	2c	c-a-b



$$\mathbf{R}_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_1 + \mathbf{R}_2 + \mathbf{R}_3$$

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

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

$$C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2} - C_{1} \text{ and } C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3} - C_{1}$$
  

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

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

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

$$= (a+b+c)^{3}$$
  
(ii) LHS  

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

$$C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1} + C_{2} + C_{3}$$
  

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

Taking 2(x + y + z) common from first column. Then apply operations:

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

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

 $= 2(x + y + z)^{3}$ = RHS (Proved)

# 12. Prove that

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

#### Solution: LHS

 $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^{2} \\ x^{2} & 1 & x \\ x & x^{2} & 1 \end{vmatrix}$   $R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1} + R_{2} + R_{3}$   $= \begin{vmatrix} 1 + x + x^{2} & 1 + x + x^{2} & 1 + x + x^{2} \\ x^{2} & 1 & x \\ x & x^{2} & 1 \end{vmatrix}$   $= (1 + x + x^{2}) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x^{2} & 1 & x \\ x & x^{2} & 1 \end{vmatrix}$   $C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2} - C_{1} \text{ and } C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3} - C_{1}$   $= (1 + x + x^{2}) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ x^{2} & 1 - x^{2} & x - x^{2} \\ x & x^{2} - x & 1 - x \end{vmatrix}$ 



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

Proved.

### 13. Prove that

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

### Solution:

LHS

$$C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1} - b C_{3} \text{ and } C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2} + a C_{3}$$

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

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

 $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - b R_1$ 



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

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

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

# 14. Prove that

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

# Solution: LHS

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

Multiply,  $C_1, C_2, C_3$  by a, b, c respectively

Then divide the determinant by abc

		$a(a^2+1)$	$ab^2$	ac <sup>2</sup>
=	$\frac{1}{abc}$	$a^2b$	$b(b^2+1)$	$bc^2$
	uoc	a²c	$b^2c$	$c(c^2+1)$

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

$$C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$$



$$= \frac{abc}{abc} \begin{vmatrix} 1+a^2+b^2+c^2 & b^2 & c^2 \\ 1+a^2+b^2+c^2 & b^2+1 & c^2 \\ 1+a^2+b^2+c^2 & b^2 & c^2+1 \end{vmatrix}$$
  
$$= (1+a^2+b^2+c^2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & b^2 & c^2 \\ 1 & b^2+1 & c^2 \\ 1 & b^2 & c^2+1 \end{vmatrix}$$
  
$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \text{ and } R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1 \end{vmatrix}$$
  
$$= (1+a^2+b^2+c^2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & b^2 & c^2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$
  
$$= (1+a^2+b^2+c^2)(1)(1-0)$$
  
$$= 1+a^2+b^2+c^2$$
  
LHS  
(Proved)

Choose the correct answer in Exercises 15 and 16

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

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# (A) $k | A | (B) k^2 | A | (C) k^3 | A |$ (D) 3k | A |

# Solution:

Option (C) is correct.

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

**Solution**: Option (C) is correct.