

## Determinants

### Important points to remember

- **Determinant** : To every square matrix  $A = [A_{ij}]$  of order  $n \times n$ , we can associate a number (real or complex) called determinant of  $A$ . It is denoted by  $\det A$  or  $|A|$ .

#### **Properties:**

(1)  $|AB| = |A||B|$

(2)  $|kA|_{n \times n} = k^n |A|_{n \times n}$ , where  $k$  is a scalar.

(3) Area of a triangle with vertices  $(x_1, y_1)$ ,  $(x_2, y_2)$ ,  $(x_3, y_3)$  is given by

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

(4) If the points  $(x_1, y_1)$ ,  $(x_2, y_2)$ ,  $(x_3, y_3)$  are collinear then

$$\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

**Adjoint** of square matrix  $A$  is the transpose of the matrix whose elements have been replaced by their co-factors and is denoted as  $\text{adj. } A$ .

Let  $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$

$\text{adj } A = [A_{ij}]_{n \times n}$

#### **Properties:**

(i)  $A (\text{adj } A) = (\text{adj } A) A = |A| I$

(ii) If  $A$  is a square matrix of order  $n$  then  $|\text{adj } A| = |A|^{n-1}$ .

(iii)  $\text{adj } (AB) = (\text{adj } B)(\text{adj } A)$ .

**singular Matrix:** A square matrix is called singular if  $|A| = 0$ , otherwise it will be called a non-singular matrix.

**Inverse of a matrix :** A square matrix whose inverse exists, is called invertible matrix. Inverse of a non-invertible matrix exists.

Inverse of a matrix  $A$  is denoted by  $A^{-1}$  and is given by

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \cdot \text{adj } A$$

**Properties**

(i)  $AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I$

(ii)  $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$

(iii)  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$

(iv)  $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$

**Solution of system of equations using matrix :**

If  $AX=B$  is a matrix equation then its solution is  $x = A^{-1}B$ .

(i) If  $|A| \neq 0$ , system is consistent and has a unique solution.

(ii) If  $|A| = 0$  and  $(\text{adj } A)B \neq 0$ , system is inconsistent and has no solution.

(iii) If  $|A| = 0$  and  $(\text{adj } A)B = 0$ , system is consistent and has infinite solution.

**ASSIGNMENT**

1. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & -3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ , Find  $A^{-1}$  and hence solve system of equation

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

$$2x+3y+2z = 2$$

$$3x-3y-4z = 11$$

2. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & -4 \\ -4 & 2 & -4 \\ 2 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  Find  $AB$  & hence solve

$$x-y = 3,$$

$$2x+3y+4z = 17$$

$$y+2z = 7.$$

3. Check the consistency and inconsistency of the following linear equations.

i)  $3x - y + 2z = 3$

ii)  $2x + y - 2z = 4$

$$2x + y + 3z = 5$$

$$x - 2y + z = -2$$

$$x - 2y - z = 1$$

$$5x - 5y + z = -2$$

$$\text{iii) } 3x + y = 5$$

$$\text{iv) } x + y - z = 0$$

$$-6x - 2y = 9$$

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

$$3x + 6y - 5z = 0$$

4. Determine the product  $\begin{bmatrix} -4 & 4 & 4 \\ -7 & 1 & 3 \\ 5 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and use it to solve the system of equations.

$$x - y + z = 4, x - 2y - 2z = 9, 2x + y + 3z = 1$$

5. Without expanding, show that the values of each of the following determinants is zero.

$$\text{i) } \begin{vmatrix} 8 & 2 & 7 \\ 12 & 3 & 5 \\ 16 & 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{ii) } \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 13 & 17 & 5 \\ 15 & 20 & 12 \end{vmatrix}$$

6. Using the properties of determinants evaluate the following:

$$\text{i) } \begin{vmatrix} x+y & x & x \\ x & x+y & x \\ x & x & x+y \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{ii) } \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & bc \\ 1 & b & ca \\ 1 & c & ab \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{iii) } \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ c & a & b \\ b & c & a \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{iv) } \begin{vmatrix} b+c & a & a \\ b & c+a & b \\ c & c & a+b \end{vmatrix}$$

7. Prove the following identities:

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

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

$$\text{iii) } \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b^2a & c^2a \\ a^2b & 0 & c^2b \\ a^2c & b^2c & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 2a^3b^3c^3$$

$$\text{iv) } \begin{vmatrix} b+c & a-b & a \\ c+a & b-c & b \\ a+b & c-a & c \end{vmatrix} = 3abc - a^3 - b^3 - c^3$$

$$\text{v)} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a^2 + bc & a^3 \\ 1 & b^2 + ca & b^3 \\ 1 & c^2 + ab & c^3 \end{vmatrix} = -(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)(a^2+b^2+c^2)$$

$$\text{vi)} \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & bc & ac + c^2 \\ a^2 + ab & b^2 & ac \\ ab & b^2 + bc & c^2 \end{vmatrix} = 4a^2b^2c^2$$

$$\text{vii)} \begin{vmatrix} -a^2 & ab & ac \\ ab & -b^2 & bc \\ ac & bc & -c^2 \end{vmatrix} = 4a^2b^2c^2$$

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

8. Determine the product  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 & 5 \\ 9 & -1 & -4 \\ 5 & -3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and use it to solve the system of equations.

$$x + y + z = 0, \quad x + 2y - 3z = -14, \quad 2x - y + 3z = 9$$

9. Using the properties of determinants, prove the following:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1+x & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+y & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+z \end{vmatrix} = xyz + xy + yz + zx \quad (\text{CBSE-2009})$$

10. If  $x, y, z$  all are different &

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1+x^3 \\ y & y^2 & 1+y^3 \\ z & z^2 & 1+z^3 \end{vmatrix} = 0, \text{ show that } xyz = -1$$

11. If  $A$  &  $B$  are square matrices of order 3 such that  $|A| = -1$  &  $|B| = 3$ , then find the value of  $|3AB|$ .

12. Without expanding evaluate the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} (a^x + a^{-x})^2 & (a^x - a^{-x})^2 & 1 \\ (a^y + a^{-y})^2 & (a^y - a^{-y})^2 & 1 \\ (a^z + a^{-z})^2 & (a^z - a^{-z})^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}, \text{ where } a > 0 \text{ and } x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$$

13. Using the properties of determinants, prove the following:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1+p & 1+p+q \\ 2 & 3+2p & 1+3p+2q \\ 3 & 6+3p & 1+6p+3q \end{vmatrix} = 1 \quad [\text{CBSE-2009}]$$

14. Prove:  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 - bc \\ 1 & b & b^2 - ac \\ 1 & c & c^2 - ab \end{vmatrix} = 0$

15. Show that:  $\begin{vmatrix} x+1 & x+2 & x+a \\ x+2 & x+3 & x+b \\ x+3 & x+4 & x+c \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , where  $a, b, c$ , are in A.P.

16. Find the area of triangle using the determinants if three of its vertices are  $(5,2), (-3,-1), (6,0)$ .

17. If the points  $(a, b), (c, d)$ , and  $(a+c, b+d)$  are collinear, show that

$$ad = bc.$$

18. Find the value of  $\alpha$  so that the points  $(1,-5), (-4,5)$ , and  $(\alpha, 7)$  are collinear.

19. If  $a, b$ , &  $c$  are distinct real no. and the system of equations

$$ax + a^2y + (a^3+1)z = 0$$

$$bx + b^2y + (b^3+1)z = 0$$

$$cx + c^2y + (c^3+1)z = 0 \text{ has a non trivial solution show that } abc = -1.$$

20. Find the minor of element 5,  $\begin{vmatrix} -3 & 6 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 6 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$

21. Find the co- factor of element  $a_{23}$ ,  $\begin{vmatrix} -8 & 6 & 0 \\ 6 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 6 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$

22. Using the co-factor of the second row of determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \text{ find the value of } \Delta.$$

23. Find  $A^{-1}$  where  $\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 & 2 \\ -12 & 15 & 18 \\ 25 & -20 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$  and solve the following

$$6x - 12y + 25z = 4$$

$$4x + 15y - 20z = 3$$

$$2x + 18y + 15z = 10$$

24. Find  $A^{-1}$  where  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 & 2 \\ 7 & 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$  and solve the following

$$3x + 4y + 7z = 14$$

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

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

25. solve the following system of equations using matrices:

$$\frac{2}{x} + \frac{3}{y} + \frac{10}{z} = 4$$

$$\frac{4}{x} - \frac{6}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = 1$$

$$\frac{6}{x} + \frac{9}{y} - \frac{20}{z} = 2 \quad x, y, z \neq 0.$$

26. Find the value of  $\alpha$ , for which the homogeneous system of equation:

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

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

$$7x + \alpha y - z = 0 \quad \text{has non trivial solutions. Find the solutions.}$$

27. Solve the following determinant equation:

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

$$(ii) \begin{vmatrix} 1+x & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & x+2 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & x+4 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

**ANSWERS:**

4.  $x=3, y=-2, z=-1$  8.  $x=-1, y=-2, z=3$  11. -81 23.  $x=1/2, y=1/3, z=1/5$   
24.  $x=1, y=1, z=1$  25.  $x=2, y=3, z=5$  26.  $\alpha = \frac{57}{10}, y = \frac{5}{4}k, x = \frac{-7}{8}k, z=k$

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