

DETERMINANTS

Determinant will be used for solving the system of linear equations.

like $2x + y = 0$ and $x - y = 3$

Determinant of order 2

A determinant of order 2 can be written in the form of $\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix}$

which is defined as $\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$ OR $\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix} = a_1b_2 - b_1a_2$

Note:

1. A determinant of order 2 contains two rows and two columns.
2. a_{11}, a_{12} are the elements of R_1 and a_{21}, a_{22} are the elements of R_2 .
3. a_{11}, a_{21} are the elements of C_1 and a_{12}, a_{22} are the elements of C_2 .
3. a_{11}, a_{22} are the elements of principal diagonal and a_{12}, a_{21} are the elements of secondary diagonal.
4. It contains $2 \times 2 = 4$ elements.

Determinant of order 3

A determinant of order 3 can be written in the form of $\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$

Which is defined as $\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix}$

Note :

1. A determinant of order 3 can be expanded by using 6 ways (any one row or any one column).
2. A determinant of order 3 can be expanded by using the respective sign of the element in different

rows or columns. i.e. $\begin{vmatrix} + & - & + \\ - & + & - \\ + & - & + \end{vmatrix}$

3. The sign of all the elements in a 2nd order determinant is $\begin{vmatrix} + & - \\ - & + \end{vmatrix}$

General element

If an element occurring in the i th row and j th column of a determinant then it is called (i, j) th element. It is denoted by a_{ij} . ($i \rightarrow$ ith row, $j \rightarrow$ jth column)

Ex : Construct a determinant of order 3×3 by using general element a_{ij}

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

Minor of an element a_{ij}

The minor of an element a_{ij} is defined as the value of a determinant will be obtained after deleting all the elements in the i th row and j th column. It is denoted by M_{ij} .

Cofactor of an element a_{ij}

The cofactor of an element a_{ij} is denoted by C_{ij} , which is defined as $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$.

$$\text{Ex : Find the Minor and Cofactor of } a_{11}, a_{12} \text{ and } a_{13} \text{ in } A = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{Ans : Minor of } a_{11} = M_{11} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{Minor of } a_{12} = M_{12} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{Minor of } a_{13} = M_{13} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{cofactor of } a_{11} = C_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} M_{11} = M_{11}$$

$$\text{cofactor of } a_{12} = C_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} M_{12} = -M_{12}$$

$$\text{cofactor of } a_{13} = C_{13} = (-1)^{1+3} M_{13} = M_{13}$$

Similarly find the minor and cofactor of other elements.

Properties of determinants

$P - 1$: The value of the determinant remains unchanged if the rows and columns are interchanged.

$$\text{Ex: } A = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = -37$$

$$\text{Let } B = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = -37$$

P – 2 : If any two adjacent rows or columns of a determinant are interchanged then the numerical value is same but the sign is changed.

$$\text{Ex: } A = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = -37$$

$$\text{Let } B = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = 37$$

P – 3 : If any two rows or columns a determinant identical or same then the value of the determinant vanishes or zero.

$$\text{Ex: } A = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Note : If all the elements of a row or column of a determinant are zero then the value of the determinant is zero.

$$\text{Ex: } A = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Note : If two rows or columns of a determinant are proportional then the value of the determinant is zero.

$$\text{Ex: } A = \begin{vmatrix} -4 & 2 & -6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

P – 4 : If each element of a row or column of a determinant be multiplied by a constant k then the determinant is also multiplied by the same constant k.

$$\text{Ex: } A = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = -37$$

$$\text{Let } B = \begin{vmatrix} 2k & 3k & -2k \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = -37k = k(A)$$

P – 5 : If each element of a row or column of a determinant be the sum or difference of two or more terms then the determinant can be expressed as the sum or difference of two or more determinant.

$$\text{Ex : } A = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 + \alpha_1 & a_2 + \alpha_2 & a_3 + \alpha_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & \alpha_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

P – 6 : If each element of a row or column of a determinant be increased or decreased by a constant multiple of the corresponding elements of another row or column then the value of the determinant remains unchanged.

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

$$B = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 + kc_1 & a_2 + kc_2 & a_3 + kc_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} kc_1 & kc_2 & kc_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = A + k \begin{vmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = A + 0 = A$$

$$\text{Note : If } A = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \text{ then } |A| = a_{11}c_{11} + a_{12}c_{12} + a_{13}c_{13} \text{ (using row) or } |A| = a_{11}c_{11} + a_{21}c_{21} + a_{31}c_{31} \text{ (using column)}$$

$$\text{Note : If } A = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \text{ then } a_{11}c_{21} + a_{12}c_{22} + a_{13}c_{23} = 0$$

Method for evaluating a determinant

We should always try to make maximum number of possible zeros in any one row or column.

It is possible by using

- (1) properties of determinant.
- (2) Row to Row addition or subtraction.
- (3) column to column addition or subtraction.
- (4) Any other method

Applications of determinants

Area of a triangle: The area of a triangle of whose vertices are (x_1, y_1) , (x_2, y_2) and (x_3, y_3) is

$$\text{given by } \Delta = \frac{1}{2} \{x_1(y_2 - y_3) + x_2(y_3 - y_1) + x_3(y_1 - y_2)\} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

condition of collinearity: Three points (x_1, y_1) , (x_2, y_2) and (x_3, y_3) are said to be collinear if

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{2} \{x_1(y_2 - y_3) + x_2(y_3 - y_1) + x_3(y_1 - y_2)\} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Cramer's Rule :

Solution for two unknowns: The solution of two variables x and y of two linear equations $a_1x + b_1y = c_1$ and $a_2x + b_2y = c_2$ then $x = \frac{D_1}{D}$ and $y = \frac{D_2}{D}$.

Solution for three unknowns: The solution of two variables x and y of two linear equations $a_1x + b_1y + c_1z = d_1$, $a_2x + b_2y + c_2z = d_2$ and $a_3x + b_3y + c_3z = d_3$ then $x = \frac{D_1}{D}$, $y = \frac{D_2}{D}$ and $z = \frac{D_3}{D}$.

Consistent: A system of linear equation is said to be consistent if it gives a solution.

Ex: $2x + 3y = -1$ and $x - 3y = 2$

Inconsistent: A system of linear equation is said to be inconsistent if it gives no solution.

Ex: $2x + 3y = -1$ and $4x + 6y = 2$

Rules for consistency and inconsistency: (For Three unknowns)

We have $x = \frac{D_1}{D}$, $y = \frac{D_2}{D}$ and $z = \frac{D_3}{D}$.

1. If $D \neq 0$ then the system of equations are consistent and gives unique solution.
2. If $D = 0$, $D_1 = 0$, $D_2 = 0$ and $D_3 = 0$ then the system of equations are consistent and gives Infinite number of solutions.
3. If $D = 0$, and at least one of D_1 , D_2 and D_3 is nonzero then the system of equations are inconsistent and gives no solutions.

Note: Same rule we can apply for two unknowns

Ex: Evaluate $\begin{vmatrix} \sin\theta & \cos\theta \\ -\cos\theta & \sin\theta \end{vmatrix}$

Ex: Evaluate (a) $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 33 \\ 4 & -25 \end{vmatrix}$, (b) $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & w \\ w^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$, (c) $\begin{vmatrix} \sec\theta & \tan\theta \\ \tan\theta & \sec\theta \end{vmatrix}$, (d) $\begin{vmatrix} \omega^6 & \omega^4 \\ -\omega^6 & \omega^5 \end{vmatrix}$, $\omega^3 = 1$

Ex: Find the maximum value of $\begin{vmatrix} 1 + \sin\theta & \cos\theta \\ -\cos\theta & \sin\theta \end{vmatrix}$

Ex: Solve $\begin{vmatrix} x & 3 \\ 3 & x \end{vmatrix} = 0$

Ans: $\begin{vmatrix} x & 3 \\ 3 & x \end{vmatrix} = 0$

$\Rightarrow x^2 - 9 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 = 9 \Rightarrow x = \pm 3$

Ex: Solve $\begin{vmatrix} x+1 & -2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 3$

Ex: Evaluate (a) $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$ (b) $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$, (c) $\begin{vmatrix} -6 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -5 & 7 \\ 2 & 8 & 11 \end{vmatrix}$.

Ex: Prove that $\begin{vmatrix} \omega^2 & 1 & \omega \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ \omega & \omega^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$

Ans:

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

$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 + \omega + \omega^2 & 1 + \omega + \omega^2 & 1 + \omega + \omega^2 \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ \omega & \omega^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{After adding the elements of } R_1, R_2, R_3 \text{ then replace } R_1)$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ \omega & \omega^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\because 1 + \omega + \omega^2 = 0, \text{ you know in complex number})$$

$= 0$

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

Ans:

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

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

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

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

$$= (b-a)(c-a)\{(c+a) - (b+a)\} = (b-a)(c-a)(c-b) = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)$$

(Taking common -sign from (b-a) and (c-b) then you will get the answer)

Ex: Prove that
$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \\ bc & ca & ab \end{vmatrix} = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)(ab+bc+ca)$$

Ans:

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

Multiply a in C_1 , b in C_2 , c in C_3 and divide abc

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{abc} \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \\ a^3 & b^3 & c^3 \\ abc & cba & abc \end{vmatrix} \text{ taking common } abc \text{ from } C_3 \\ &= \frac{abc}{abc} \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \\ a^3 & b^3 & c^3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \\ a^3 & b^3 & c^3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1, C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1 \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & b^2 - a^2 & c^2 - a^2 \\ a^3 & b^3 - a^3 & c^3 - a^3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} b^2 - a^2 & c^2 - a^2 \\ b^3 - a^3 & c^3 - a^3 \end{vmatrix} - 0 + 0 \text{ (expand it by using row 3)} \\ &= (b^2 - a^2)(c^3 - a^3) - (c^2 - a^2)(b^3 - a^3) \\ &= (b-a)(b+a)(c-a)(c^2 + ca + a^2) - (c-a)(c+a)(b-a)(b^2 + ab + a^2) \\ &= (b-a)(c-a) \{ (b+a)(c^2 + ca + a^2) - (c+a)(b^2 + ab + a^2) \} \\ &= (b-a)(c-a) (bc^2 + abc + a^2b + ac^2 + a^2c + a^3 - cb^2 - abc - ca^2 - ab^2 - a^2b - a^3) \\ &= (b-a)(c-a) (bc^2 + ac^2 - cb^2 - ab^2) = (b-a)(c-a) \{ bc(c-b) + a(c^2 - b^2) \} \\ &= (b-a)(c-a)(c-b)(bc + ac + ab) = (a-b)(c-a)(b-c)(bc + ac + ab) \end{aligned}$$

Ex: solve $\begin{vmatrix} x+1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & x+1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & x+1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$

Ans:

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

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} x+3 & x+3 & x+3 \\ 1 & x+1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & x+1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Taking common $x+3$ from row1(R_1)

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

$$\text{either } x+3=0 \text{ or } \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & x+1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & x+1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

since $x+3=0 \Rightarrow x=-3$

$$\text{Again } \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & x+1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & x+1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

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

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

Hence $x=0$ and $x=-3$

Ex: Solve by Cramer's rule $2x + 3y = -1$ and $x - 2y = 3$

Ans: Given equations are $2x + 3y = -1$ and $x - 2y = 3$

Here $a_1 = 2, b_1 = 3, c_1 = -1, a_2 = 1, b_2 = -2, c_2 = 3$

$$\text{Let } D = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = -7$$

$$D_1 = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = -7$$

$$D_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 7$$

$$x = \frac{D_1}{D} = \frac{-7}{-7} = 1 \text{ and } y = \frac{D_2}{D} = \frac{7}{-7} = -1$$

Ex: Solve by cramer's rule $2x + y + 2z = 2, 3x + 2y + z = 2$ and $-x + y + 3z = 6$

Ans:

$$\text{Let } D = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2(5) - 1(10) + 2(5) = 10$$

$$D_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 6 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2(5) - 1(0) + 2(-10) = -10$$

$$D_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 6 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 2(0) - 2(10) + 2(20) = 20$$

$$D_3 = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2(10) - 1(20) + 2(5) = 10$$

$$x = \frac{D_1}{D} = \frac{-10}{10} = -1, y = \frac{D_2}{D} = \frac{20}{10} = 2, z = \frac{D_3}{D} = \frac{10}{10} = 1$$

Questions carrying 2 marks

1. Find the value of $\begin{vmatrix} 5 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 8 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$

Ans : 7

2. Find the value of $\begin{vmatrix} \sec\theta & \tan\theta \\ \tan\theta & \sec\theta \end{vmatrix}$

Ans : 1

3. If $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ x & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$, then find the value of x

Ans : $x = -1$

4. Find the minimum value of $\begin{vmatrix} \sin x & \cos x \\ -\cos x & 1 + \sin x \end{vmatrix}$ where $x \in R$

Ans: 0

5. Find the maximum value of $\begin{vmatrix} \sin^2 x & \sin x \cdot \cos x \\ -\cos x & \sin x \end{vmatrix}$ where $x \in R$

Ans : 1

6. If ω is the cube root of unity, find the value of the determinant $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ \omega & \omega^2 & 1 \\ \omega^2 & 1 & \omega \end{vmatrix}$

Ans : 0

7. Find the value of the determinant $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

Ans : 0

8. If $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & a & b \\ x & b & c \end{vmatrix} = 0$, then find x

Ans : $x = a$

9. Solve $\begin{vmatrix} 4 & x+1 \\ 3 & x \end{vmatrix} = 5$

Ans : $x = 8$

10. Solve $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} x & 1 \\ -2 & x \end{vmatrix}$

Ans : ± 4

Questions carrying 5 marks

1. Solve $\begin{vmatrix} 1+x & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+x & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+x \end{vmatrix} = 0$

Ans: $x=0$ or $x=-3$

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

Ans: $x = -(a+b+c)$ or $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca}$

3. Solve $\begin{vmatrix} x & a & a \\ m & m & m \\ b & x & b \end{vmatrix} = 0$

Ans: $x = a$ or $x = b$

4. Solve $\begin{vmatrix} x+1 & w & w^2 \\ w & x+w^2 & 1 \\ w^2 & 1 & x+w \end{vmatrix} = 0$ where w is cube root of unity.

Ans: $x=0$

5. Prove without expanding that $\begin{vmatrix} bc & a & a^2 \\ ca & b & b^2 \\ ab & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a^2 & a^3 \\ 1 & b^2 & b^3 \\ 1 & c^2 & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$

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

7. Prove that $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x^2 & y^2 & z^2 \\ x^3 & y^3 & z^3 \end{vmatrix} = (x-y)(y-z)(z-x)(xy+yz+zx)$

8. Prove that
$$\begin{vmatrix} x & y & z \\ x^2 & y^2 & z^2 \\ x^3 & y^3 & z^3 \end{vmatrix} = xyz(x-y)(y-z)(z-x)$$

9. Prove that
$$\begin{vmatrix} x+a & b & c \\ a & x+b & c \\ a & b & x+c \end{vmatrix} = x^2(x+a+b+c)$$

10. Prove that
$$\begin{vmatrix} 1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+c \end{vmatrix} = abc \left(1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)$$

11. Prove that
$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ b+c & c+a & a+b \\ b^2+c^2 & c^2+a^2 & a^2+b^2 \end{vmatrix} = (b-c)(c-a)(a-b)$$

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

13. Solve by Cramer's rule:

(i) $4x - y = 9, 5x + 2y = 8$

Ans: $x = 2, y = -1$

(ii) $2x - y = 2, 3x + y = 13$

Ans: $x = 3, y = 4$

(iii) $x - y + z = 1, 2x + 3y - 5z = 7, 3x - 4y - 2z = -1$

Ans: $x = \frac{35}{16}, y = \frac{53}{32}, z = \frac{15}{32}$

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

Ans: $x = 1, y = 1, z = 1$