

Matrices & Determents

Integer Answer Type

1. If the integers a, b, c in order are in A.P., lying between 1 and 9 and $a23, b53,$ and $c83$ are

three-digit numbers, then the value of the determinant $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 & 8 \\ a23 & b53 & c83 \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix}$ is...

Key. 0

Sol. We have,

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 & 8 \\ a23 & b53 & c83 \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 & 6 \\ 100a+20+3 & 100b+50+3 & 100c+80+3 \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 100a & 100b & 100c \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 20 & 50 & 80 \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 100 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 & 8 \\ a & b & c \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix} + 10 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 0 + 0 + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & b-a & c-a \end{vmatrix}$$

(Applying $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1, C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1$)

$$= -3[3(c-a) - 6(b-a)] = -9[c-a-2b+2a]$$

$$= -9(a-2b+c) = 0 \quad [Q \ a, b, c \text{ are in A.P., } \therefore 2b = a + c]$$

2. A be set of 3×3 matrices formed by entries 0, -1, and 1 only. Also each of 1, -1, 0 occurs exactly three times in each matrix. The number of symmetric matrices with trace (A) = 0 is k,

then $\frac{k}{6} = \dots\dots\dots$

Key. 6

Sol. For non-diagonal entries, we required even no. of 1, even no. of -1 and even no. of 0, for diagonal three entries are remained, -1, 0, 1. So no. of cases in which trace = 0 are 3! And no. of symmetric matrices for each arrangement of 1, -1, 0 in diagonal = 3!

Total such matrices = $3! \times 3! = 36$

3. Let $A_n, (n \in \mathbb{N})$ be a matrix of order $(2n - 1) \times (2n - 1)$, such that $a_{ij} = 0 \ \forall \ i \neq j$ and $a_{ij} = n^2 + i + 1 - 2n \ \forall \ i = j$ where a_{ij} denotes the element of i^{th} row and j^{th} column of A_n .

Let $T_n = (-1)^n \times$ (sum of all the elements of A_n). Find the value of $\left[\frac{\sum_{n=1}^{102} T_n}{520200} \right]$, where $[.]$

represents the greatest integer function.

Ans: 2

Hint $a_{ij} = 0 \forall i \neq j$ and $a_{ij} = (n-1)^2 + i \forall i = j$

Sum of all the element of $A_n = \sum_{i=1}^{2n-1} [(n-1)^2 + i]$

$= (2n-1)(n-1)^2 + (2n-1)n = 2n^3 - 3n^2 + 3n - 1 = n^3 + (n-1)^3$

So, $T_n = (-1)^n [n^3 + (n-1)^3] = (-1)^n n^3 - (-1)^{n-1} (n-1)^3 = V_n - V_{n-1}$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{102} T_n = \sum_{n=1}^{102} (V_n - V_{n-1}) = V_{102} - V_0 = (102)^3$

$\left[\frac{\sum_{n=1}^{102} T_n}{520200} \right] = 2.$

4. Find the value of $f\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$, where $f(\theta) = \begin{vmatrix} \cos^2 \theta & \cos \theta \sin \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \sin \theta & \sin^2 \theta & \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta & 0 \end{vmatrix}$

Key. 1

Sol. Applying $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - \sin \theta C_3$ and $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 + \cos \theta C_3$, we get

$f(\theta) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta & 0 \end{vmatrix}$

Applying $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - \sin \theta R_1 + \cos \theta R_2$, we get

$f(\theta) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta & 0 & \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta \end{vmatrix} = 1$

Thus, $f\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = 1$

5. $\det P = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ c & a & b \\ b & c & a \end{vmatrix}$, where 'P' is an orthogonal matrix. Then the value of $|a+b+c|$ is

Key. 1

$PP^T = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ c & a & b \\ b & c & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & c & b \\ b & a & c \\ c & b & a \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Sol.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a^2+b^2+c^2 & ab+bc+ca & ab+bc+ca \\ ab+bc+ca & a^2+b^2+c^2 & ab+bc+ca \\ ab+bc+ca & ab+bc+ca & a^2+b^2+c^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

6. If the adjoint of a 3×3 matrix P is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 7 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, then the sum of squares of possible values of

determinant of P is

Key. 8

Sol. $\text{Adj. P} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 7 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$|\text{adj. P}| = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow |P|^2 = 4 \Rightarrow |P| = \pm 2$$

7. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$, then $\det(A^{2005})$ equals to

Key. 1

Sol. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -8 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^3 = A^2 A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -8 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -12 \\ 3 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Observing A, A^2 , A^3 we can conclude that $A^n = \begin{bmatrix} 1+2n & -4n \\ n & 1-2n \end{bmatrix}$

$$\det(A^n) = \begin{vmatrix} 1+2n & -4n \\ n & 1-2n \end{vmatrix} = 1 - 4n^2 + 4n^2 = 1$$

$$\therefore \det(A^{2005}) = 1$$

8. If x, y, z are cube roots of unity and

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} x^2 + y^2 & z^2 & z^2 \\ x^2 & y^2 + z^2 & x^2 \\ y^2 & y^2 & z^2 + x^2 \end{vmatrix}, \text{ then the real part of D is}$$

Key. 4

Sol. An applying $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2 - R_3$

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -2y^2 & -2x^2 \\ x^2 & y^2 + z^2 & x^2 \\ y^2 & y^2 & z^2 + x^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & y^2 & x^2 \\ x^2 & z^2 & 0 \\ y^2 & 0 & z^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 4x^2y^2z^2 = 4(1.w.w.^2)^2 = 4$$

9. Find the coefficient of x in the determinant $\begin{vmatrix} (1+x)^{a_1b_1} & (1+x)^{a_1b_2} & (1+x)^{a_1b_3} \\ (1+x)^{a_2b_1} & (1+x)^{a_2b_2} & (1+x)^{a_2b_3} \\ (1+x)^{a_3b_1} & (1+x)^{a_3b_2} & (1+x)^{a_3b_3} \end{vmatrix}$, where

$a_1, b_1 \in \mathbb{N}$

Ans. $\lambda_1 = 0$

Sol. Let $\begin{vmatrix} (1+x)^{a_1b_1} & (1+x)^{a_1b_2} & (1+x)^{a_1b_3} \\ (1+x)^{a_2b_1} & (1+x)^{a_2b_2} & (1+x)^{a_2b_3} \\ (1+x)^{a_3b_1} & (1+x)^{a_3b_2} & (1+x)^{a_3b_3} \end{vmatrix} = \lambda_0 + \lambda_1x + \lambda_2x^2 + \lambda_3x^3 + \dots$

For λ_1 differentiate w.r.t. x and put $x = 0$

so $\lambda_1 = 0$

10. If $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} \cos(x+\alpha) & \cos(x+\beta) & \cos(x+\gamma) \\ \sin(x+\alpha) & \sin(x+\beta) & \sin(x+\gamma) \\ \sin(\beta-\gamma) & \sin(\gamma-\alpha) & \sin(\alpha-\beta) \end{vmatrix}$ and $f(2) = 6$, then find $\sum_{r=1}^{25} f(r)$

Ans. 150

Sol. Clearly $f'(x) = 0$

$$\therefore f(x) = c = 5$$

$$\therefore \sum_{r=1}^{25} f(r) = \sum_{r=1}^{25} 6 = 150 \text{ Ans.}$$

11. Let $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x & 1 & 1 \\ \sin 2\pi x & 2x^2 & 1 \\ x^3 & 3x^4 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$. If $f(x)$ be an odd function and its odd values is equal $g(x)$, then

find the value of λ . If $\lambda f(1)g(1) = 4$

Ans. $\lambda = 1$

Sol. $f(-x) = -f(x) = g(x)$

$$\therefore f(x).g(x) = -(f(x))^2$$

$$\text{or } f(1)g(1) = -(f(1))^2 = -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -4 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1 \text{ Ans.}$$

12. If $f(x)$ satisfies the equation $\begin{vmatrix} f(x+1) & f(x+8) & f(x+1) \\ 1 & 2 & -5 \\ 2 & 3 & \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$ for all real x . If f is periodic with

period 7, then find the value of $|\lambda|$

Ans. 4

Sol. On solving we get

$$(2\lambda + 15)f(x+1) - (\lambda + 10)f(x+8) - f(x+1) = 0$$

$$(2\lambda + 14)f(x+1) = (\lambda + 10)f(x+8)$$

Since f is periodic with period 7

$$\therefore f(x+1) = f(x+8)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\lambda + 14 = \lambda + 10 \quad \Rightarrow \quad |\lambda| = 4 \text{ Ans.}$$

13. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = (\text{adj } A)$ and $C = 5A$, then find the value of $\frac{|\text{adj } B|}{|C|}$.

Ans. 1

Sol. $\frac{|\text{adj } B|}{|C|} = \frac{|\text{adj}(\text{adj } A)|}{|5A|} = \frac{|A|^{(3-1)^2}}{5^3|A|} = \frac{|A|^3}{125|A|}$

Now $|A| = 5$

$$\therefore \frac{|\text{adj } B|}{|C|} = 1 \text{ Ans.}$$

14. If $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\phi(x) = (1+x)(1-x)^{-1}$, then prove that $\phi(A) = -A$

Ans. $\phi(A) = (I+A)(I-A)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = -A$

Sol. $I+A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $I-A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Now, $|I-A| = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0 - 2 = -2$

$$\text{adj } (I-A) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(I-A)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \phi(A) = (I+A)(I-A)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = -A$$

15. If $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b \end{pmatrix}$, $abc = 1$, $A'A = 1$, then find the value of $a^3 + b^3 + c^3$

Ans.

Sol. $A'A = I$

$$\therefore |A'A| = |I| \Rightarrow |A| = \pm 1$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b \end{vmatrix} = \pm 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 3abc - a^3 - b^3 - c^3 = \pm 1 \Rightarrow a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 4 \text{ and } 2$$

16. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ and $A^2 = 8A + KI_2$, then find the value of $|k|$

Ans. 7

Sol. Here $|A - \lambda I| = 0$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 \\ -1 & 7-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-\lambda)(7-\lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 8\lambda + 7 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A^2 - 8A + 7I_2 = 0 \Rightarrow A^2 = 8A - 7I_2$$

$$\Rightarrow k = -7 \Rightarrow |k| = 7 \text{ Ans.}$$

17. Compute A^{-1} if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Hence solve the system of equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2y \\ z \\ 3y \end{bmatrix}$$

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Sol. $A^5(AB^2) = A^5BA$
 $\Rightarrow B^2 = A^5BA$
 $\Rightarrow B^4 = (A^5BA)(A^5BA) = A^5B^2A = A^5(A^5BA)A$
 $\Rightarrow B^4 = A^4BA^2$
 $\Rightarrow B^8 = (A^4BA^2)(A^4BA^2) = A^4B^2A^2 = A^4(A^5BA)A^2$
 $\Rightarrow B^8 = A^3BA^3$
 $\Rightarrow B^{16} = (A^3BA^3)(A^3BA^3) = A^3B^2A^3 = A^3(A^5BA)A^3 = A^2BA^4$
 $A^{32} = (A^2BA^4)(A^2BA^4) = A^2B^2A^4 = A^2(A^5BA)A^4 = ABA^5$
 $A^{64} = (ABA^5)(ABA^5) = AB^2A^5 = A(A^5BA)A^5 = B \Rightarrow A^{63} = I$

4. If matrix $A = [a_{ij}]_{3 \times 3}$, matrix $B = [b_{ij}]_{3 \times 3}$ where $a_{ij} + a_{ji} = 0$ and $b_{ij} - b_{ji} = 0$, then $A^4 \cdot B^3$ is
 (A) skew-symmetric matrix (B) singular
 (C) symmetric (D) zero matrix

Key. B

Sol. Since matrix A is skew-symmetric,

$\therefore |A| = 0$
 $\therefore |A^4 \cdot B^3| = 0$

5. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, then $\det(\text{Adj}(\text{Adj} A))$ is
 (A) $(14)^4$ (B) $(14)^6$ (C) $(14)^9$ (D) $(14)^2$

Key. A

Sol. $|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (1 + 2) - 2(-1 - 4) - (1 - 2)$
 $= 3 + 10 + 1 = 14$
 $\therefore \det(\text{Adj}(\text{Adj} A)) = |\text{Adj} A|^2 = |A|^4 = (14)^4$

6. In the expansion of $\left(\sqrt{\frac{q}{p}} + \sqrt[10]{\frac{p^7}{q^3}}\right)^n$, there is a term similar to pq , then that term is equal to
 (A) 210 pq (B) 252 pq (C) 120 pq (D) 45 pq

Key. B

7. Let x, y, z be real numbers such that $3x, 4y$ and $5z$ form a geometric progression while x, y, z form an H.P. Then the value of $\frac{x}{z} + \frac{z}{x} = \frac{m}{n}$ where m and n are relatively prime then, $(m + n)$ is equal to

- (A) 29 (B) 39 (C) 49 (D) 59
- Key: C
8. If A is a square matrix of order 3 such that $|A| = 2$ then $\left|(\text{adj } A^{-1})^{-1}\right|$ is
 (A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 4 (D) 8
- Key: C
9. Let A and B be square matrices of same order satisfying $AB = A$ and $BA = B$. Then A^2B^2 equals, (O being the zero matrix of the same order as B)
 (A) A (B) B (C) I (D) O
- Key: A
 Hint: Conceptual
10. If A and B are square matrices of the same order and A is non-singular, then for a positive integer n, $(A^{-1}BA)^n$ is equal to
 A) $A^{-n}B^nA^n$ B) $A^nB^nA^{-n}$ C) $A^{-1}B^nA$ D) $n(A^{-1}BA)$
- Key: C
 Hint: $(A^{-1}BA)^2 = (A^{-1}BA)(A^{-1}BA) = A^{-1}B(AA^{-1})BA = A^{-1}BIBA = A^{-1}B^2A$
 $\Rightarrow (A^{-1}BA)^3 = (A^{-1}B^2A)(A^{-1}BA) = A^{-1}B^2(AA^{-1})BA = A^{-1}B^2IBA = A^{-1}B^3A$ and so on
 $\Rightarrow (A^{-1}BA)^n = A^{-1}B^nA$
11. If A is a skew-symmetric matrix of order 3, then the matrix A^4 is
 (A) skew symmetric (B) symmetric (C) diagonal (D) none of those
- Key: B
 Hint: We have $A^T = -A$
 $(A^4)^T = (A.A.A.A.)^T = A^T A^T A^T A^T$
 $\Rightarrow (-A) (-A) (-A) (-A)$
 $= (-1)^4 A^4 = A^4$
12. If A and B are symmetric matrices of same order and $X = AB + BA$ and $Y = AB - BA$, then $(XY)^T$ is equal to
 (A) XY (B) YX (C) -YX (D) none of these
- Key: C
 Hint: $X = AB + BA \Rightarrow X^T = X$
 and $Y = AB - BA \Rightarrow Y^T = -Y$
 Now, $(XY)^T = Y^T \times X^T = -YX$.
13. If A and B are any two different square matrices of order n with $A - B$ is non-singular $A^3 = B^3$ and $A(AB) = B(BA)$, then
 (A) $A^2 + B^2 = O$ (B) $A^2 + B^2 = I$ (C) $A^2 + B^3 = I$
 (D) $A^3 + B^3 = O$

Key: A

Hint: $A^3 = B^3$ (i)

$$A^2B = B^2A \dots\dots\dots(ii)$$

$$(A^2 + B^2)(A - B) = 0$$

$$\therefore |A - B| \neq 0$$

$$A^2 + B^2 = 0$$

14. A square matrix A is said to be nilpotent of index m. If $A^m = 0$, now, if for this A $(I - A)^n = I + A + A^2 + \dots + A^{m-1}$, then n is equal to

- (A) 0 (B) m (C) - m (D) -1

Key: D

Hint: Let $B = I + A + A^2 + \dots + A^{m-1}$

$$\Rightarrow B(I - A) = (I + A + A^2 + \dots + A^{m-1})(I - A)$$

$$= I - A^m = I$$

$$\Rightarrow B = (I - A)^{-1} \Rightarrow n = -1.$$

15. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} i & -i \\ -i & i \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, then A^8 equals

- (a) 4B (b) 128B (c) -128B (d) -64B

Key: b

Hint: We have $A = iB$

$$\Rightarrow A^2 = (iB)^2 = i^2B^2 = -B^2 = -\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = -2B$$

$$\Rightarrow A^4 = (-2B)^2 = 4B^2 = 4(2B) = 8B$$

$$\Rightarrow (A^4)^2 = (8B)^2 \Rightarrow A^8 = 64B^2 = 128B$$

16. The number of positive integral solutions of the equation $\begin{vmatrix} y^3 + 1 & y^2z & y^2x \\ yz^2 & z^3 + 1 & z^2x \\ yx^2 & x^2z & x^3 + 1 \end{vmatrix} = 11$ is

- (A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 4

Key: C

Hint: Multiply by y,z and x in rows 1,2 and 3 respectively and then take common y, z and x from column 1,2 and 3 respectively, then

$$\begin{vmatrix} y^3 + 1 & y^3 & y^3 \\ z^3 & z^3 + 1 & z^3 \\ x^3 & x^3 & x^3 + 1 \end{vmatrix} = 11$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & y^3 \\ -1 & 1 & z^3 \\ 0 & -1 & x^3+1 \end{vmatrix} = 11 \quad (C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2 \text{ and } C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_3)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1(x^3 + 1 + z^3) + y^3(1) = 11 \Rightarrow x^3 + y^3 + z^3 = 10$$

So solution are (1,1,2) , (1,2,1) or (2,1,1)

17. If $a - 2b + c = 1$, then the value of $\begin{vmatrix} x+1 & x+2 & x+a \\ x+2 & x+3 & x+b \\ x+3 & x+4 & x+c \end{vmatrix}$ is

- (A) x (B) $-x$ (C) -1 (D) 1

Key. C

Sol. $\begin{vmatrix} x+1 & x+2 & x+a \\ x+2 & x+3 & x+b \\ x+3 & x+4 & x+c \end{vmatrix}$ $a - 2b + c = 1$
 $(a - b) + (c - b) = 1$

Apply the operation,

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 2R_2 + R_3$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2, \text{ the determinant reduces to}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ x+2 & x+3 & x+b \\ 1 & 1 & c-b \end{vmatrix} = -1$$

18. If A is involutory matrix, then which of the following is/are correct?

- (A) $I + A$ is idempotent (B) $I - A$ is idempotent
 (C) $(I + A)(I - A)$ is singular (D) $\frac{I + A}{3}$ is idempotent

Key. C

Sol. $A^2 = I$
 $(I + A)(I - A) = I - A^2 = I - I = O$

19. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $C = ABA^T$, then $A^T C^n A$ equals to ($n \in I^+$)

- (A) $\begin{bmatrix} -n & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ (B) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -n \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ (C) $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -n \end{bmatrix}$ (D) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -n & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Key. D

Sol. $A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$
 $AA^T = I$ (i)

Sol.
$$\begin{vmatrix} xC_r & xC_{r+1} & xC_{r+2} \\ yC_r & yC_{r+1} & yC_{r+2} \\ zC_r & zC_{r+1} & zC_{r+2} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} xC_r & x+1C_{r+1} & x+1C_{r+2} \\ yC_r & y+1C_{r+1} & y+1C_{r+2} \\ zC_r & z+1C_{r+1} & z+1C_{r+2} \end{vmatrix}$$

By applying $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 + C_1, C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + C_2$

Now apply $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + C_2,$
$$\begin{vmatrix} xC_r & x+1C_{r+1} & x+2C_{r+2} \\ yC_r & y+1C_{r+1} & y+2C_{r+2} \\ zC_r & z+1C_{r+1} & z+2C_{r+2} \end{vmatrix}$$

∴ Ans = 0

23. If A is an orthogonal matrix of order n, then the value of $|\text{adj.}(\text{adj } A)|$ is
 (A) 0 (B) ± 1
 (C) n (D) $n - 2$

Key. B

Sol. $AA' = I$

$\Rightarrow |A| = \pm 1$

∴ $|\text{adj.}(\text{adj. } A)|$

$= |A|^{(n-1)^2} = \pm 1.$

24. If a, b, c, d > 0; $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)x^2 - 2(ab + bc + cd)x + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 \leq 0$, then

$$\begin{vmatrix} 33 & 14 & \log a \\ 65 & 27 & \log b \\ 97 & 40 & \log c \end{vmatrix} =$$

- (A) 1 (B) -1
 (C) 0 (D) none of these

Key. C

Sol. We have

$(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)x^2 - 2(ab + bc + cd)x + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 \leq 0$

$\Rightarrow (ax - b)^2 + (bx - c)^2 + (cx - d)^2 \leq 0$

$\Rightarrow (ax - b)^2 + (bx - c)^2 + (cx - d)^2 = 0$

$\Rightarrow \frac{b}{a} = \frac{c}{b} = \frac{d}{c} = x$

$\Rightarrow b^2 = ac$ or $2\log b = \log a + \log c,$

Now,
$$\begin{vmatrix} 33 & 14 & \log a \\ 65 & 27 & \log b \\ 97 & 40 & \log c \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 130 & 54 & \log a + \log c \\ 65 & 27 & \log b \\ 97 & 40 & \log c \end{vmatrix} \quad [\text{Apply } R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_3]$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 65 & 27 & \log b \\ 97 & 40 & \log c \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad [\text{Apply } R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 2R_2]$$

25. A square matrix P satisfies $P^2 = I - P$, where I is an identity matrix of order as order of P. if $P^n = 5I - 8P$, then n =

- (a) 4 (b) 5
 (c) 6 (d) 7

Key. C

$$\begin{vmatrix} A & 6 & 8 \\ 8 & B & 6 \\ 8 & 8 & C \end{vmatrix} (R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + 10R_2 + 100R_1)$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} A & 6 & 8 \\ 8 & B & 6 \\ 72\lambda_1 & 72\lambda_2 & 72\lambda_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

A88 is div. by 72
 \Rightarrow A88 is div. by 9
 \Rightarrow A+8+8 is div. by 9
 $\therefore A = 2$
 6B8 is div. by 9 $\Rightarrow B = 4$.

31. If the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$ is invertible, then the planes $a_{11}x + a_{12}y + a_{13}z = 0$,

$a_{21}x + a_{22}y + a_{23}z = 0$ and $a_{31}x + a_{32}y + a_{33}z = 0$ ($a_{ij} \in R, \forall i, j$)
 (A) intersect in a point (B) intersect in a line
 (C) have no common point (D) are same

Key. A

Sol. Given matrix A is invertible $\Rightarrow \det A \neq 0$
 \Rightarrow the given system of equation has only one solution
 i.e., (0, 0, 0). Hence option (A) is correct.

32. If A is a skew-symmetric matrix of order 3, then the matrix A^4 is
 (A) skew symmetric (B) symmetric
 (C) diagonal (D) none of those

Key. B

Sol. We have $A^T = -A$
 $(A^4)^T = (A.A.A.A.)^T = A^T A^T A^T A^T$
 $\Rightarrow (-A) (-A) (-A) (-A)$
 $= (-1)^4 A^4 = A^4$

33. If ' α ' is a root of $x^4 = 1$ with negative principal argument, then the principal argument of $\Delta(\alpha)$ where

$$\Delta(\alpha) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \alpha^n & \alpha^{n+1} & \alpha^{n+3} \\ \frac{1}{\alpha^{n+1}} & \frac{1}{\alpha^n} & 0 \end{vmatrix} \text{ is}$$

- (A) $\frac{5\pi}{14}$ (B) $-\frac{3\pi}{4}$
 (C) $\frac{\pi}{4}$ (D) $-\frac{\pi}{4}$

Key. B

Sol. Clearly $\alpha = -i$ where $i^2 = -1$

So
$$\Delta(\alpha) = \alpha^n \frac{1}{\alpha^n} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \alpha & \alpha^3 \\ \frac{1}{\alpha} & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -i & i \\ i & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 1(-i) + 1(i^2) + (1 + i^2) = -1 - i$$

So, principal argument of $\Delta(\alpha)$ is $-\frac{3\pi}{4}$

34. If z is a complex number and $l_1, l_2, l_3, m_1, m_2, m_3$ are all real, then

$$\begin{vmatrix} l_1 z + m_1 \bar{z} & m_1 z + l_1 \bar{z} & m_1 z + l_1 \\ l_2 z + m_2 \bar{z} & m_2 z + l_2 \bar{z} & m_2 z + l_2 \\ l_3 z + m_3 \bar{z} & m_3 z + l_3 \bar{z} & m_3 z + l_3 \end{vmatrix}$$
 is equal to

- (A) $|z|^2$ (B) 3
 (C) $(l_1 l_2 l_3 + m_1 m_2 m_3)^2 |z|^2$ (D) 0

Key. D

Sol.
$$\begin{vmatrix} l_1 & m_1 & 0 \\ l_2 & m_2 & 0 \\ l_3 & m_3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \times \begin{vmatrix} z & \bar{z} & 0 \\ \bar{z} & z & 0 \\ 1 & z & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

35. Let A, B be square matrix such that $AB = 0$ and B is non singular then

- (A) $|A|$ must be zero but A may non zero (B) A must be zero matrix
 (C) nothing can be said in general about A (D) none of these

Key. B

Sol. $AB = 0 \Rightarrow A \cdot B \cdot B^{-1} = 0 \cdot B^{-1}$
 $\Rightarrow A \cdot I = 0$
 $\Rightarrow A = 0$

36. The value of
$$\begin{vmatrix} \sqrt{6} & 2i & 3 + \sqrt{6} \\ \sqrt{12} & \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{8}i & 3\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}i \\ \sqrt{18} & \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{12}i & \sqrt{27} + 2i \end{vmatrix}$$
 is

- a) an integer b) a rational number c) an irrational number d) an imaginary number

Key. A

Sol. Take $\sqrt{6}$ common from C_1 and apply $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - 3C_1, C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - 2iC_1$

37. If $p + q + r = 0$ and
$$\begin{vmatrix} pa & qb & rc \\ qc & ra & pb \\ rb & pc & qa \end{vmatrix} = K \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b \end{vmatrix}$$
 then the value of K is

- a) $p + q - r$ b) $p + q + r$ c) pqr d) $-pqr$

Key. D

Sol. $pqr(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) - abc(p^3 + q^3 + r^3)$
 $\Rightarrow pqr(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc) - abc(p^3 + q^3 + r^3 - 3pqr)$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow pqr(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc) - abc(p+q+r)(p^2 + q^2 + r^2 - pq - qr - rp) \\ &= pqr(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc) \end{aligned}$$

38. If $f(x), g(x), h(x)$ are polynomials of degree 4 and
$$\begin{vmatrix} f(x) & g(x) & h(x) \\ a & b & c \\ p & q & r \end{vmatrix} =$$

$mx^4 + nx^3 + rx^2 + 5x + t$ be an identity in x , then the value of

$$\begin{vmatrix} f'''(0) - f''(0) & g'''(0) - g''(0) & h'''(0) - h''(0) \\ a & b & c \\ p & q & r \end{vmatrix} \text{ is}$$

- a) $(3n - r)$ b) $2(3n - r)$ c) $3(3n - r)$ d) $3n + r$

Key. B

Sol. $LHS = (24mx + 6n) - (12mx^2 + 6nx + 2r)$
 $x = 0 \Rightarrow 6n - 2r$
 $\Rightarrow 2(3n - r)$

39. Let $x > 0, y > 0, z > 0$ are respectively the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, terms of a G.P and

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} x^k & x^{k+1} & x^{k+2} \\ y^k & y^{k+1} & y^{k+2} \\ z^k & z^{k+1} & z^{k+2} \end{vmatrix} = (r-1)^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{r^2}\right) \text{ (where } r \text{ is the common ratio) then}$$

- a) $k = -1$ b) $k = 1$ c) $k = 0$ d) None of these

Key. A

Sol. $x^k y^k z^k \begin{vmatrix} 1 & ar & a^2 r^2 \\ 1 & ar^2 & a^2 r^4 \\ 1 & ar^3 & a^3 r^6 \end{vmatrix}$

$$a^{3(k+1)} \cdot r^{3(2k+1)} \left[(r-1)(r^4 - 1) - (r^2 - 1)^2 \right] \Rightarrow k = -1$$

40. If $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x^2 - 4x + 6 & 2x^2 + 4x + 10 & 3x^2 - 2x + 16 \\ x - 2 & 2x + 2 & 3x - 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$. Then the value of

$$\int_{-3}^3 \frac{x^2 \sin x}{1 + x^6} \cdot f(x) dx \text{ is}$$

- a) 6 b) 3 c) 0 d) $\frac{\pi}{2}$

Key. C

Sol. $f(x)$ is const.

Hence = 0

41. If A and B are square matrices of order 3 such that $|A| = -1, |B| = 3$ then $|3AB|$ is equals to

- A) -9 B) -81 C) -27 D) 81

Key. B

Sol. $|3AB| = 3^3 |A| |B| = 27 \times -1 \times 3 = -81$

42. $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$ and $a_{ij} = i^2 - j^2$ then A is necessarily

- a) a unit matrix b) symmetric matrix c) skew symmetric matrix d) zero matrix

Key. C

Sol. $a_{ji} = j^2 - i^2 = -(i^2 - j^2) = -a_{ij}$

43. If $A = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \\ x & 2 & y \end{bmatrix}$ is an orthogonal matrix then value of x+y is equal to

- a) -3 b) 0 c) 1 d) 3

Key. A

Sol. $AA^T = I \Rightarrow \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 & x+4+2y \\ 0 & 9 & 2x+2-2y \\ x+4+2y & 2x+2-2y & x^2+y^2+4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$x+4+2y = 0, 2x+2-2y = 0 \Rightarrow x = -2, y = -1$

44. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ then $A^{16} =$

- a) $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 256 \\ 256 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ b) $\begin{bmatrix} 256 & 0 \\ 0 & 256 \end{bmatrix}$
 c) $\begin{bmatrix} -16 & 0 \\ 0 & -16 \end{bmatrix}$ d) $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 16 \\ 16 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Key. B

Sol. $A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, A^4 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}, A^8 = \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 0 \\ 0 & 16 \end{bmatrix}, A^{16} = \begin{bmatrix} 256 & 0 \\ 0 & 256 \end{bmatrix}$

45. Let a, b, c be positive real numbers. Then the following system of equations in x, y, z

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1, \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1, -\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1 \text{ has}$$

- a) no solution b) unique solution
 c) infinite solution d) finitely many solution

Key. D

Sol. Let $\frac{x^2}{a^2} = X, \frac{y^2}{b^2} = Y, \frac{z^2}{c^2} = Z$

$X + Y - Z = 1, X - Y + Z = 1, -X + Y + Z = 1$ on solving $X = Y = Z = 1$
 $\Rightarrow x = \pm a, y = \pm b, z = \pm c \Rightarrow 8$ solution

46. The value of determinant $\begin{vmatrix} 1+a^2-b^2 & 2ab & -2b \\ 2ab & 1-a^2+b^2 & 2a \\ 2b & -2a & 1-a^2-b^2 \end{vmatrix}$ is equal to

- a) $(1-a^2-b^2)^3$ b) $(a+b+1)^2(ab+b+a)$ c) $(1+a^2+b^2)^3$ d) $(1-a^2+b^2)^3$
 Key. C

Sol. $\Delta = \frac{1}{ab} \begin{vmatrix} b(1+a^2-b^2) & 2ab^2 & -2b^2 \\ 2a^2b & a(1-a^2+b^2) & 2a^2 \\ 2b & -2a & 1-a^2-b^2 \end{vmatrix}$ by $(R_1 \times b, R_2 \times a)$
 $= \begin{vmatrix} 1+a^2-b^2 & 2b^2 & -2b^2 \\ 2a^2 & 1-a^2+b^2 & 2a^2 \\ 2 & -2 & 1-a^2-b^2 \end{vmatrix}$ by $\left(\frac{C_1}{b}, \frac{C_2}{a}\right)$
 $\begin{vmatrix} 1+a^2+b^2 & 0 & -2b^2 \\ 1+a^2+b^2 & 1+a^2+b^2 & 2a^2 \\ 0 & -(1+a^2+b^2) & 1-a^2-b^2 \end{vmatrix}$ $(C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2, C_2 \rightarrow C_2 + C_3)$
 $= (1+a^2+b^2)^3$

47. If $\begin{vmatrix} a^2+\lambda^2 & ab+c\lambda & ca-b\lambda \\ ab-c\lambda & b^2+\lambda^2 & bc+a\lambda \\ ac+b\lambda & bc-a\lambda & c^2+\lambda^2 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & c & -b \\ -c & \lambda & a \\ b & -a & \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1+a^2+b^2+c^2)^3$ then λ is equal to

- a) 0 b) 1 c) -1 d) ± 1
 Key. B

Sol. If $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & c & -b \\ -c & \lambda & a \\ b & -a & \lambda \end{vmatrix}$ other determinant (say Δ^1) is the cofactor determinant

$\Delta \Delta^1 = \Delta^3$ (for 3rd order det)
 $\Delta = \lambda(\lambda^2 + a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$ by comparing $\lambda = 1$

48. Constant term in $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x & (1+\sin x)^3 & \cos x \\ 1 & \ln(1+x) & 2 \\ x^2 & (1+x)^2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$ when $f(x)$ is expressed polynomial in x , is

- a) 0 b) -1 c) 1 d) 2
 Key. C
 Sol. $f(0) = +1$

