

MODEL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS MA(101)

DETERMINANTS

Q(1). Evaluate (a) $\begin{vmatrix} 28 & 25 & 38 \\ 42 & 38 & 65 \\ 56 & 47 & 83 \end{vmatrix} = 770.$

(b) $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & b+c \\ 1 & b & c+a \\ 1 & c & a+b \end{vmatrix} = C_2 \rightarrow C_2 + C_3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a+b+c & b+c \\ 1 & a+b+c & c+a \\ 1 & a+b+c & a+b \end{vmatrix}$

$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a+b+c & b+c \\ 1 & a+b+c & c+a \\ 1 & a+b+c & a+b \end{vmatrix} = (a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & b+c \\ 1 & 1 & c+a \\ 1 & 1 & a+b \end{vmatrix} = 0$ Since there are two columns are

equal.

Q(2). Prove that without expanding, that each of the following determinants

vanishes. (a) $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 15 & 14 & 4 \\ 12 & 6 & 7 & 9 \\ 8 & 10 & 11 & 5 \\ 13 & 3 & 2 & 16 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{matrix} C_4 \rightarrow -C_1 + C_4 \\ C_3 \rightarrow -C_2 + C_3 \end{matrix} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 15 & -1 & 3 \\ 12 & 6 & 1 & -3 \\ 8 & 10 & 1 & -3 \\ 13 & 3 & -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$

$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 15 & -1 & 3 \\ 12 & 6 & 1 & -3 \\ 8 & 10 & 1 & -3 \\ 13 & 3 & -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = -3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 15 & -1 & -1 \\ 12 & 6 & 1 & 1 \\ 8 & 10 & 1 & 1 \\ 13 & 3 & -1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ Since there are two columns are equal.

$$(b) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 & a^3 + bcd \\ 1 & b & b^2 & b^3 + cda \\ 1 & c & c^2 & c^3 + dab \\ 1 & d & d^2 & d^3 + abc \end{vmatrix} \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow -R_1 + R_2 \\ R_3 \rightarrow -R_1 + R_3 \\ R_4 \rightarrow -R_1 + R_4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 & a^3 + bcd \\ 1 & b-a & b^2 - a^2 & b^3 + cda - a^3 - bcd \\ 1 & c-a & c^2 - a^2 & c^3 + dab - a^3 - bcd \\ 1 & d-a & d^2 - a^2 & d^3 + abc - a^3 - bcd \end{vmatrix} = (b-a)(c-a)(d-a) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 & a^3 + bcd \\ 1 & 1 & b+a & b^2 + ab + a^2 - cd \\ 1 & 1 & c+a & c^2 + ac + a^2 - bd \\ 1 & 1 & d+a & d^2 + ad + a^2 - bc \end{vmatrix}$$

$$C_1 \rightarrow -C_2 + C_1 = (b-a)(c-a)(d-a) \begin{vmatrix} 1-a & a & a^2 & a^3 + bcd \\ 0 & 1 & b+a & b^2 + ab + a^2 - cd \\ 0 & 1 & c+a & c^2 + ac + a^2 - bd \\ 0 & 1 & d+a & d^2 + ad + a^2 - bc \end{vmatrix}$$

Expand through column 1,

$$= (b-a)(c-a)(d-a) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & b+a & b^2 + a^2 + ab - cd \\ 1 & c+a & c^2 + a^2 + ac - bd \\ 1 & d+a & d^2 + a^2 + ad - cb \end{vmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow -R_1 + R_2$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow -R_1 + R_3$$

$$= (b-a)(c-a)(d-a) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & b+a & b^2 + a^2 + ab - cd \\ 0 & c-b & c^2 - b^2 + ac - ab - bd + cd \\ 0 & d-b & d^2 - b^2 + ad - ab + cd - cb \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (b-a)(c-a)(d-a)(c-b)(d-b) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & b+a & b^2 + a^2 + ab - cd \\ 0 & 1 & c+b+a+d \\ 0 & 1 & d+b+a+c \end{vmatrix} = 0 \text{ Since row 2 and}$$

row 3 are same.

Q(3). Show that
$$\begin{vmatrix} x^2+1 & xy & xz & xu \\ xy & y^2+1 & yz & yu \\ zx & zy & z^2+1 & zu \\ ux & uy & uz & u^2+1 \end{vmatrix} = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + u^2 + 1.$$

Multiply each row by x, y, z and u respectively and divide with the same, then

$$= \frac{1}{xyzu} \begin{vmatrix} x^3+x & x^2y & x^2z & x^2u \\ xy^2 & y^3+y & y^2z & y^2u \\ z^2x & z^2y & z^3+z & z^2u \\ u^2x & u^2y & u^2z & u^3+u \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{Takeout factor x, y, z and u from the}$$

columns 1, 2, 3, and 4.

$$= \frac{1}{xyzu} \begin{vmatrix} x^3+x & x^2y & x^2z & x^2u \\ xy^2 & y^3+y & y^2z & y^2u \\ z^2x & z^2y & z^3+z & z^2u \\ u^2x & u^2y & u^2z & u^3+u \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} x^2+1 & x^2 & x^2 & x^2 \\ y^2 & y^2+1 & y^2 & y^2 \\ z^2 & z^2 & z^2+1 & z^2 \\ u^2 & u^2 & u^2 & u^2+1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} x^2+1 & x^2 & x^2 & x^2 \\ y^2 & y^2+1 & y^2 & y^2 \\ z^2 & z^2 & z^2+1 & z^2 \\ u^2 & u^2 & u^2 & u^2+1 \end{vmatrix} = (1+x^2+y^2+z^2+u^2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ y^2 & y^2+1 & y^2 & y^2 \\ z^2 & z^2 & z^2+1 & z^2 \\ u^2 & u^2 & u^2 & u^2+1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$C_4 \rightarrow -C_1 + C_4$$

$$C_3 \rightarrow -C_1 + C_3$$

$$C_2 \rightarrow -C_1 + C_2$$

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

$$= \underline{\underline{(1+x^2+y^2+z^2+u^2)}}$$

Q(4). Solve the equation

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

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

$$\begin{vmatrix} a+b+c+3x & a+b+c+3x & a+b+c+3x \\ b+x & c+x & a+x \\ c+x & b+x & a+x \end{vmatrix} = (a+b+c+3x) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ b+x & c+x & a+x \\ c+x & b+x & a+x \end{vmatrix}$$

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

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

$$= (a+b+c+3x)(c-b)(2a-b-c) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = -(a+b+c)/3}}$$

$$(b) \begin{vmatrix} x+2 & 2x+3 & 3x+4 \\ 2x+3 & 3x+4 & 4x+5 \\ 3x+5 & 5x+8 & 10x+17 \end{vmatrix} R_1 \rightarrow -R_2 + R_1$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} -(x+1) & -(x+1) & -(x+1) \\ 2x+3 & 3x+4 & 4x+5 \\ 3x+5 & 5x+8 & 10x+17 \end{vmatrix} = -(x+1) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2x+3 & 3x+4 & 4x+5 \\ 3x+5 & 5x+8 & 10x+17 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$C_3 \rightarrow -C_1 + C_3 = -(x+1) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2x+3 & x+1 & 2x+2 \\ 3x+5 & 2x+3 & 7x+12 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$C_2 \rightarrow -C_1 + C_2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -(x+1) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2x+3 & x+1 & 2x+2 \\ 3x+5 & 2x+3 & 7x+12 \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= -(x+1) \begin{vmatrix} x+1 & 2(x+1) \\ 2x+3 & 7x+12 \end{vmatrix} = -(x+1)^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2x+3 & 7x+12 \end{vmatrix} = -(x+1)^2(3x+6) \\
 &= \underline{\underline{-2(x+1)^2(x+2)}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Q(5). Prove, without expanding, that each of the following determinants vanishes,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a)} \quad & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 - bc \\ 1 & b & b^2 - ac \\ 1 & c & c^2 - ab \end{vmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_2 \rightarrow -R_1 + R_2 \\ R_3 \rightarrow -R_1 + R_3 \end{matrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 - bc \\ 0 & b-a & b^2 - a^2 + bc - ac \\ 0 & c-a & c^2 - a^2 + bc - ab \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= (b-a)(c-a) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 - bc \\ 0 & 1 & b+a+c \\ 0 & 1 & c+a+b \end{vmatrix} = 0 \text{ since row 2 and row 3 are same.}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(b)} \quad & \begin{vmatrix} b-c & c-a & a-b \\ c-a & a-b & b-c \\ a-b & b-c & c-a \end{vmatrix} R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3 \\
 &= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c-a & a-b & b-c \\ a-b & b-c & c-a \end{vmatrix} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Q(6). Prove the followings:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ l & m & n \\ p & q & r \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} m & b & q \\ l & a & p \\ n & c & r \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} l & m & n \\ p & b & r \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix}$$

Suppose matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ l & m & n \\ p & q & r \end{pmatrix}$ and $A^T = \begin{pmatrix} a & l & p \\ b & m & q \\ c & n & r \end{pmatrix}$ then $|A| = |A^T|$

$$\text{Hence, } \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ l & m & n \\ p & q & r \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & l & p \\ b & m & q \\ c & n & r \end{vmatrix} C_2 \longleftrightarrow C_1 = - \begin{vmatrix} l & a & p \\ m & b & q \\ n & C & r \end{vmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \longleftrightarrow R_1 = - \begin{vmatrix} l & a & p \\ m & b & q \\ n & C & r \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} m & b & q \\ b & a & p \\ n & C & r \end{vmatrix} = \underline{\underline{\begin{vmatrix} m & b & q \\ l & a & p \\ n & C & r \end{vmatrix}}}$$

Similarly by interchanging rows and columns one can prove next also.

$$\text{Q(7). } \begin{vmatrix} a+b & b+c & c+a \\ b+c & c+a & a+b \\ c+a & a+b & b+c \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & b+c & c+a \\ b & c+a & a+b \\ c & a+b & b+c \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} b & b+c & c+a \\ c & c+a & a+b \\ a & a+b & b+c \end{vmatrix}$$

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

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

$$\text{Since } \begin{vmatrix} b & b & c+a \\ c & c & a+b \\ a & a & b+c \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

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

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

$$\text{Since } \begin{vmatrix} a & b & a \\ b & c & b \\ c & a & c \end{vmatrix} = 0 \text{ and } \begin{vmatrix} a & c & c \\ b & a & a \\ c & b & b \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & c & a \\ b & a & b \\ c & b & c \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

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

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

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

Q(8).

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1+a & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+a & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1+a \end{vmatrix} = a^4 + 4a^3$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4+a & 4+a & 4+a & 4+a \\ 1 & 1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+a & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1+a \end{vmatrix} = (4+a) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+a & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1+a \end{vmatrix}$$

$$C_4 \rightarrow -C_1 + C_4$$

$$C_3 \rightarrow -C_1 + C_3$$

$$C_2 \rightarrow -C_1 + C_2$$

$$(4+a) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+a & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1+a \end{vmatrix} = (4+a) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & a & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & a & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & a \end{vmatrix}$$

Expansion through first row,

$$= (4+a) \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{vmatrix} = \underline{\underline{a^3(4+a)}}$$

$$\mathbf{Q(9)} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ bc & ca & ab \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{matrix} C_3 \rightarrow -C_1 + C_3 \\ C_2 \rightarrow -C_1 + C_2 \end{matrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & b-a & c-a \\ bc & ca-cb & ab-cb \end{vmatrix} = (b-a)(c-a) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 1 & 1 \\ bc & -c & -b \end{vmatrix}$$

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

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

$$\mathbf{Q(10)} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \\ b+c & c+a & a+b \end{vmatrix} R_3 \rightarrow R_1 + R_3$$

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

$$C_3 \rightarrow -C_1 + C_3$$

$$C_2 \rightarrow -C_1 + C_2$$

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

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

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

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

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

Q(11). Factorize

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 & a^3 \\ 1 & b & b^2 & b^3 \\ 1 & c & c^2 & c^3 \\ 1 & d & d^2 & d^3 \end{vmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} R_4 \rightarrow -R_1 + R_4 \\ R_3 \rightarrow -R_1 + R_3 \\ R_2 \rightarrow -R_1 + R_2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 & a^3 \\ 0 & b-a & b^2-a^2 & b^3-a^3 \\ 0 & c-a & c^2-a^2 & c^3-a^3 \\ 0 & d-a & d^2-a^2 & d^3-a^3 \end{vmatrix} = (b-a)(c-a)(d-a) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 & a^3 \\ 0 & 1 & b+a & b^2+a^2-ab \\ 0 & 1 & c+a & c^2+a^2-ac \\ 0 & 1 & d+a & d^2+a^2-db \end{vmatrix}$$

Expansion through first column,

$$= (b-a)(c-a)(d-a) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & b+a & a^2+b^2-ab \\ 1 & c+a & c^2+a^2-ac \\ 1 & d+a & a^2+d^2-ad \end{vmatrix} \begin{array}{l} R_3 \rightarrow -R_1 + R_3 \\ R_2 \rightarrow -R_1 + R_2 \end{array}$$

$$= (b-a)(c-a)(d-a) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & b+a & a^2+b^2-ab \\ 0 & c-b & c^2-b^2+ab-ac \\ 1 & d-b & -b^2+d^2+ad-ad \end{vmatrix}$$

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

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

$$= \underline{\underline{(b-a)(c-a)(d-a)(c-b)(d-b)(d-c)}}$$

Q(12). Show that :

$$\begin{pmatrix} (x-a)^2 & (y-a)^2 & (z-a)^2 \\ (x-b)^2 & (y-b)^2 & (z-b)^2 \\ (x-c)^2 & (y-c)^2 & (z-c)^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2a & a^2 \\ 1 & -2b & b^2 \\ 1 & -2c & c^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^2 & y^2 & z^2 \\ x & y & z \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now use property of determinant that $|AB| = |A||B|$ and $|A| = |A^T|$, $|B| = |B^T|$

$$\begin{vmatrix} x^2 & y^2 & z^2 \\ x & y & z \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} x^2 & x & 1 \\ y^2 & y & 1 \\ z^2 & z & 1 \end{vmatrix} \text{ and for the second determinant}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2a & a^2 \\ 1 & -2b & b^2 \\ 1 & -2c & c^2 \end{vmatrix} = -2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix} \quad C_3 \leftrightarrow C_1$$

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

$$\text{Therefore, } \begin{vmatrix} (x-a)^2 & (y-a)^2 & (z-a)^2 \\ (x-b)^2 & (y-b)^2 & (z-b)^2 \\ (x-c)^2 & (y-c)^2 & (z-c)^2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2a & a^2 \\ 1 & -2b & b^2 \\ 1 & -2c & c^2 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} x^2 & y^2 & z^2 \\ x & y & z \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2 \begin{vmatrix} x^2 & x & 1 \\ y^2 & y & 1 \\ z^2 & z & 1 \end{vmatrix} \times \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & a & 1 \\ b^2 & b & 1 \\ c^2 & c & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Q(13). Prove that

$$\begin{vmatrix} a^2+p & ab & ac & ad \\ ab & b^2+p & bc & bd \\ ac & bc & c^2+p & cd \\ ad & bd & bc & d^2+p \end{vmatrix} = p^3(a^2+b^2+c^2+d^2+p)$$

Multiply each row by a, b, c and d respectively and divide with the same, then

$$= \frac{1}{abcd} \begin{vmatrix} a^3 + pa & a^2b & a^2c & a^2d \\ ab^2 & b^3 + pb & b^2c & b^2d \\ c^2a & c^2b & c^3 + pc & c^2d \\ d^2a & d^2b & d^2c & d^3 + pd \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{Takeout factor a, b, c and d from the}$$

columns 1, 2, 3, and 4.

$$= \frac{1}{abcd} \begin{vmatrix} a^3 + pa & a^2b & a^2c & a^2d \\ ab^2 & b^3 + pb & b^2c & b^2d \\ c^2a & c^2b & c^3 + pc & c^2d \\ d^2a & d^2b & d^2c & d^3 + pd \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a^2 + p & a^2 & a^2 & a^2 \\ b^2 & b^2 + p & b^2 & b^2 \\ c^2 & c^2 & c^3 + p & c^2 \\ d^2 & d^2 & d^2 & d^2 + p \end{vmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4$$

$$= (p + a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ b^2 & b^2 + p & b^2 & b^2 \\ c^2 & c^2 & c^3 + p & c^2 \\ d^2 & d^2 & d^2 & d^2 + p \end{vmatrix}$$

$$C_4 \rightarrow -C_1 + C_4$$

$$C_3 \rightarrow -C_1 + C_3$$

$$C_2 \rightarrow -C_1 + C_2$$

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

$$= \underline{\underline{(1 + a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2)p^3}}$$

Q(14). Let a_{ij} be an i - j element of determinant D_n of order $n \times n$, define as follows

$$a_{ij} = a; \text{ if } i < j$$

$$a_{ij} = x; \text{ if } i = j$$

$$a_{ij} = -a; \text{ if } i > j$$

$$D_n = \begin{vmatrix} x & a & a & \dots & \dots & a \\ -a & x & a & a & \dots & a \\ -a & -a & x & a & \dots & a \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ -a & -a & -a & -a & x & a \\ -a & -a & -a & -a & -a & x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2$$

$$D_n = \begin{vmatrix} x-a & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & a+x \\ -a & x & a & a & \dots & a \\ -a & -a & x & a & \dots & a \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ -a & -a & -a & -a & x & a \\ -a & -a & -a & -a & -a & x \end{vmatrix}_n$$

$$= (x-a)D_{n-1} + (a+x) \begin{vmatrix} -a & x & a & \dots & \dots & a \\ -a & x & a & a & \dots & a \\ -a & -a & x & a & \dots & a \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ -a & -a & -a & -a & -a & x \\ -a & -a & -a & -a & -a & -a \end{vmatrix}_{n-1}$$

$$R_{n-2} \rightarrow -R_{n-1} + R_{n-2}$$

$$R_{n-3} \rightarrow -R_{n-1} + R_{n-3}$$

$$R_{n-4} \rightarrow -R_{n-1} + R_{n-4}$$

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$$R_2 \rightarrow -R_{n-2} + R_2$$

$$= (x - a)D_{n-1} + (a + x) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a + x & 2a & \dots & \dots & 2a \\ 0 & a + x & 2a & 2a & \dots & 2a \\ 0 & 0 & a + x & 2a & \dots & 2a \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a + x \\ -a & -a & -a & -a & -a & -a \end{vmatrix}_{n-1}$$

$$D_n = (x - a)D_{n-1} + (a + x)^{n-1} a$$

Now use method of induction to prove the given statement

$$\text{When } n=2 \quad D_2 = \begin{vmatrix} x & a \\ -a & x \end{vmatrix} = x^2 + a^2$$

$$\text{And } D_2 = (x - a)D_1 + (a + x)^1 a = (x - a)x + (a + x) = x^2 + a^2$$

Next assume that it is true up to $n = p$

$$\text{Then, } D_p = (x - a)D_{p-1} + (a + x)^{p-1} a$$

When $n = p+1$

$$\begin{aligned} D_{p+1} &= (x - a)D_p + (a + x)^p a = \frac{1}{2} [(x - a)^p + (x + a)^p] (x - a) + (x + a)^p a \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [(x - a)^{p+1}] + \frac{1}{2} [(x + a)^{p+1}] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore it is true for every positive integer n

$$\text{Hence, } \underline{\underline{D_n = \frac{1}{2} [(x - a)^n + (x + a)^n]}}$$

Q(15).

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 + 1 & a_1 & a_1 & \dots & a_1 \\ a_2 & a_2 + 1 & a_2 & \dots & a_2 \\ a_3 & a_3 & a_3 + 1 & \dots & a_3 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_n & a_n & a_n & \dots & a_n + 1 \end{vmatrix} \quad R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \dots + R_n$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_n + a_2 + a_1 + 1 & a_n \dots + a_2 + a_1 + 1 & a_n + a_2 + a_1 + 1 & \dots & a_n \dots + a_2 + a_1 + 1 \\ a_2 & a_2 + 1 & a_2 & \dots & a_2 \\ a_3 & a_3 & a_3 + 1 & \dots & a_3 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_n & a_n & a_n & \dots & a_n + 1 \end{vmatrix}_n$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ a_2 & a_2 + 1 & a_2 & \dots & a_2 \\ a_3 & a_3 & a_3 + 1 & \dots & a_3 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_n & a_n & a_n & \dots & a_n + 1 \end{vmatrix} \quad (1 + a_1 + a_2 \dots + a_n)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} C_1 \rightarrow -C_n + C_1 \\ C_2 \rightarrow -C_n + C_2 \\ C_3 \rightarrow -C_n + C_3 \\ \dots \\ C_{n-1} \rightarrow -C_n + C_{n-1} \end{array} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & a_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & a_3 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & a_n + 1 \end{vmatrix} \quad (1 + a_1 + a_2 \dots + a_n)$$

$$\underline{\underline{= (1 + a_1 + a_2 \dots + a_n)}}$$

Q(16). Prove that

$$\begin{array}{l} \left| \begin{array}{cccccc} a & b & b & \dots & b \\ b & a & b & \dots & b \\ b & b & a & \dots & b \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ b & b & b & \dots & a \end{array} \right| \begin{array}{l} C_1 \rightarrow -C_n + C_1 \\ C_2 \rightarrow -C_n + C_2 \\ C_3 \rightarrow -C_n + C_3 \\ \dots \\ C_{n-1} \rightarrow -C_n + C_{n-1} \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{cccccc} a-b & 0 & 0 & \dots & b \\ 0 & a-b & 0 & \dots & b \\ 0 & 0 & a-b & \dots & b \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ b-a & b-a & b-a & \dots & a \end{array} \right|$$

$$= (a-b)^{n-1} \left| \begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & b \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & b \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & \dots & a \end{array} \right| \begin{array}{l} R_n \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \dots + R_n \end{array}$$

$$= (a-b)^{n-1} \left| \begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & b \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & b \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & a+(n-1)b \end{array} \right| \begin{array}{l} \text{Expand through nth row} \end{array}$$

$$= (a-b)^{n-1} (a+(n-1)b) \left| \begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{array} \right|$$

$= (a-b)^{n-1} (a+(n-1)b)$

Q(17). Show that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \begin{vmatrix} a & -b & -a & b \\ b & a & -b & -a \\ c & -d & c & -d \\ d & c & d & c \end{vmatrix} & \begin{array}{l} R_1 \rightarrow aR_1 \\ R_2 \rightarrow bR_2 \\ R_3 \rightarrow cR_3 \\ R_4 \rightarrow dR_4 \end{array} \text{ and divide by the same} \\
 \\
 = & \frac{1}{abcd} \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & -ab & -a^2 & ab \\ b^2 & ab & -b^2 & -ab \\ c^2 & -cd & c^2 & -cd \\ d^2 & cd & d^2 & cd \end{vmatrix} & \begin{array}{l} R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_4 \end{array} \\
 \\
 = & \frac{1}{abcd} \begin{vmatrix} a^2 + b^2 & 0 & -a^2 - b^2 & 0 \\ b^2 & ab & -b^2 & -ab \\ c^2 + d^2 & 0 & c^2 + d^2 & 0 \\ d^2 & cd & d^2 & cd \end{vmatrix} \\
 \\
 = & \frac{1}{abcd} (a + b^2)(c^2 + d^2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ b^2 & ab & -b^2 & -ab \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ d^2 & cd & d^2 & cd \end{vmatrix} \\
 \\
 = & \frac{1}{abcd} (a + b^2)(c^2 + d^2) bd \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ b & a & -b & -a \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ d & c & 2d & c \end{vmatrix} & C_3 \rightarrow C_1 + C_3 \\
 \\
 = & \frac{1}{abcd} (a + b^2)(c^2 + d^2) bd \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ b & a & 0 & -a \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ d & c & 2d & c \end{vmatrix} & \text{Expand through first row}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{2}{abcd} (a + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)abd \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ c & 2d & c \end{vmatrix} \text{Expand through second row} \\
 &= \frac{2}{abcd} (a + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)abd(2c) \\
 &= \underline{\underline{4(a + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Q(17). D_n is the nth order determinant

$$D_n = \begin{vmatrix} 1+x^2 & x & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ x & 1+x^2 & x & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & x & 1+x^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & x & 1+x^2 & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x & 1+x^2 \end{vmatrix}_n \quad \text{Expand through last row,}$$

$$D_n = (1+x^2) \begin{vmatrix} 1+x^2 & x & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ x & 1+x^2 & x & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & x & 1+x^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & x & 1+x^2 & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x & 1+x^2 \end{vmatrix}_{n-1}$$

$$-x \begin{vmatrix} 1+x^2 & x & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ x & 1+x^2 & x & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & 0 & 1+x^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x & x \end{vmatrix}_{n-1}$$

Expand second determinant through the last column, we get

$$D_n = (1 + x^2)D_{n-1} - x^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1+x^2 & x & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ x & 1+x^2 & x & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & x & 1+x^2 & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x & 1+x^2 \end{vmatrix}_{n-2}$$

$$\underline{\underline{D_n = (1 + x^2)D_{n-1} - x^2D_{n-2}}}$$

when $x = 1$ $D_2 = 3$, $D_4 = 4$ and use the recurrence relation $D_n = 2D_{n-1} - D_{n-2}$

Hence $D_{10} = 11$

Q(18).

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & \dots & n-1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n-2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & \dots & n-3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & \dots & n-4 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ n-2 & n-3 & n-4 & n-5 & \dots & \dots & 1 \\ n-1 & n-2 & n-3 & n-4 & \dots & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \quad C_1 \rightarrow -C_2 + C_1$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & \dots & n-1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n-2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & \dots & n-3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & \dots & n-4 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & n-3 & n-4 & n-5 & \dots & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & n-2 & n-3 & n-4 & \dots & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{Similar column operations can be used for}$$

remaining columns, then we get

$$\begin{vmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & \dots & n-1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & \dots & n-2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & \dots & n-3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & \dots & n-4 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} R_n \rightarrow R_1 + R_n$$

$$D_n = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & n-1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & \dots & n-2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & \dots & n-3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & \dots & n-4 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expand the determinant through the first row, we get

$$D_n = (n-1) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & \dots & -1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}_{n-1}$$

$R_1 \rightarrow R_n + R_1$
 $R_2 \rightarrow R_n + R_2$

 $R_{n-2} \rightarrow R_n + R_{n-2}$

$$D_n = (n-1) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & -2 & -2 & -2 & \dots & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & -2 & -2 & \dots & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & -2 & \dots & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & -2 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & \dots & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 2 \end{vmatrix}_{n-1}$$

$$\underline{\underline{D_n = (n-1)(-2)^{n-2}}}$$