

Solution We have
$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ a+2x & b+2y & c+2z \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ a & b & c \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ 2x & 2y & 2z \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix}$$

(by Property 5)

$$= 0 + 0 = 0 \quad \text{(Using Property 3 and Property 4)}$$

Solution Applying operations $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$ and $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1$ to the given determinant Δ , we have

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a & a+b & a+b+c \\ 0 & a & 2a+b \\ 0 & 3a & 7a+3b \end{vmatrix}$$

Now applying $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_2$, we get

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a & a+b & a+b+c \\ 0 & a & 2a+b \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along C_1 , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= a \begin{vmatrix} a & 2a+b \\ 0 & a \end{vmatrix} + 0 + 0 \\ &= a (a^2 - 0) = a (a^2) = a^3 \end{aligned}$$

Solution We have

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1+x^3 \\ y & y^2 & 1+y^3 \\ z & z^2 & 1+z^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1 \\ y & y^2 & 1 \\ z & z^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & x^3 \\ y & y^2 & y^3 \\ z & z^2 & z^3 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Using Property 5})$$

$$= (-1)^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 1 & y & y^2 \\ 1 & z & z^2 \end{vmatrix} + xyz \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 1 & y & y^2 \\ 1 & z & z^2 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Using } C_3 \leftrightarrow C_2 \text{ and then } C_1 \leftrightarrow C_2)$$

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

$$= (1+xyz) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 0 & y-x & y^2-x^2 \\ 0 & z-x & z^2-x^2 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Using } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \text{ and } R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1)$$

Taking out common factor $(y-x)$ from R_2 and $(z-x)$ from R_3 , we get

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

$$= (1+xyz)(y-x)(z-x)(z-y) \quad (\text{on expanding along } C_1)$$

Since $\Delta = 0$ and x, y, z are all different, i.e., $x-y \neq 0, y-z \neq 0, z-x \neq 0$, we get $1+xyz = 0$

Solution Taking out factors a, b, c common from R_1, R_2 and R_3 , we get

$$\text{L.H.S.} = abc \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{a} + 1 & \frac{1}{a} & \frac{1}{a} \\ \frac{1}{b} & \frac{1}{b} + 1 & \frac{1}{b} \\ \frac{1}{c} & \frac{1}{c} & \frac{1}{c} + 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3$, we have

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

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

Now applying $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1, C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= abc \left(1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{b} & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{c} & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= abc \left(1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) [1(1-0)] \\ &= abc \left(1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) = abc + bc + ca + ab = \text{R.H.S.} \end{aligned}$$

Note Alternately try by applying $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2$ and $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_2$, then apply $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - a C_3$.

Solution 8:

(i)LHS:

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

$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$ 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 1st 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

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

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

$$= \text{RHS}$$

Proved.

(ii) LHS

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

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

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

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

Solution 9

Solution: LHS

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

Multiplying R_1, R_2, R_3 by x, y, z respectively

$$\begin{vmatrix} x^2 & x^3 & xyz \\ y^2 & y^3 & xyz \\ z^2 & z^3 & xyz \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{xyz}{xyz} \begin{vmatrix} x^2 & x^3 & 1 \\ y^2 & y^3 & 1 \\ z^2 & z^3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} x^2 & x^3 & 1 \\ y^2 & y^3 & 1 \\ z^2 & z^3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1, R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} x^2 & x^3 & 1 \\ y^2 - x^2 & y^3 - x^3 & 0 \\ z^2 - x^2 & z^3 - x^3 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1 \begin{vmatrix} y^2 - x^2 & y^3 - x^3 \\ z^2 - x^2 & z^3 - x^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

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

$$= (y-x)(z-x) [yz^2 + yx^2 + xyz + xz^2 + x^3 + x^2z - zy^2 - zx^2 - xyz - xy^2 - x^3 - x^2y]$$

$$= (y-x)(z-x) [yz^2 - zy^2 + xz^2 - xy^2]$$

$$= (y-x)(z-x) [yz(z-y) + x(z^2 - y^2)]$$

$$= (y-x)(z-x) [yz(z-y) + x(z-y)(z+y)]$$

$$= (y-x)(z-x)(z-y) [yz + x(z+y)]$$

$$= (x-y)(y-z)(z-x)(xy + yz + zx)$$

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