

## Practice Questions

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**Example 3** Without expanding, show that

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \operatorname{cosec}^2\theta & \cot^2\theta & 1 \\ \cot^2\theta & \operatorname{cosec}^2\theta & -1 \\ 42 & 40 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

**Solution** Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2 - C_3$ , we have

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \operatorname{cosec}^2\theta - \cot^2\theta - 1 & \cot^2\theta & 1 \\ \cot^2\theta - \operatorname{cosec}^2\theta + 1 & \operatorname{cosec}^2\theta & -1 \\ 0 & 40 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \cot^2\theta & 1 \\ 0 & \operatorname{cosec}^2\theta & -1 \\ 0 & 40 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$