

Exemplar Problem with Solution :

Q) Using the properties of determinants, Evaluate :

$$2. \begin{vmatrix} a+x & y & z \\ x & a+y & z \\ x & y & a+z \end{vmatrix}$$

Sol. We have, $\begin{vmatrix} a+x & y & z \\ x & a+y & z \\ x & y & a+z \end{vmatrix}$

[Applying $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$]

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{vmatrix} a+x+y+z & y & z \\ a+x+y+z & a+y & z \\ a+x+y+z & y & a+z \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (a+x+y+z) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & y & z \\ 1 & a+y & z \\ 1 & y & a+z \end{vmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

[Applying $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$ and $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$]

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