

Exemplar Problems  
Determinants

3.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & xy^2 & xz^2 \\ x^2y & 0 & yz^2 \\ x^2z & zy^2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

Solution:

Given, 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & xy^2 & xz^2 \\ x^2y & 0 & yz^2 \\ x^2z & zy^2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

[Taking  $x^2$ ,  $y^2$  and  $z^2$  common from  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  and  $C_3$ , respectively]

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

[Applying  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_3$ ]

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

$$= x^2y^2z^2 \cdot (2xyz) = 2x^3y^3z^3$$